Sustainability across the curriculum

Have you taken an environmental policy and decision making (formerly environmental studies) class during your time at Puget Sound? Think that’s the only way sustainability fits into your academic life? Well think again.

A number of faculty are taking strides to incorporate sustainability across the Puget Sound curriculum. Rather than containing sustainability in a single department, program, or class, this interdisciplinary effort considers how sustainability relates to all academic areas—and more broadly, to all parts of life.

For the past three summers, Luce Assistant Professor of Environmental Policy and Decision Making Dan Sherman has been leading faculty workshops through the Center for Writing, Learning, and Teaching funded by a grant from the Russell Family Foundation. The workshops center on how to make sustainability integral to a variety of courses, not limited to what some consider to be the obvious candidates. For example a writing assignment in an English course may be to write the environmental history of a place. A business class on entrepreneurship might include a wide range of green businesses, such as biodiesel manufacturing or a green laundromat. An IPE class on global economy may spend time discussing illegal animal trafficking or timber harvesting. Thus far 55 faculty members from 20 programs and departments have taken part in these workshops, including business, English, history, and politics and government.

Learn more at www.ups.edu/sustainabilityinthecurriculum.xml.

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Did you miss last year’s The 11th Hour, a documentary narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio about environmental problems worldwide? Now you can see it for free and get points toward the Live Green Challenge! The film will be shown on Oct. 16, at 7 p.m., in Rasmussen Rotunda.

Other Live Green Challenge events scheduled for the rest of the month include another EnviroTrivia night in Marshall Hall on Oct. 27 to test your sustainability knowledge and earn you points in the challenge. A second Garbology display on Oct. 30 will show campus what we throw away every day that could be recycled—check it out on Todd Field.

The energy competition continues throughout the month, so take a shorter shower, switch a regular bulb for a compact fluorescent, or turn the lights out to do your part! Details at www.ups.edu/livegreenchallenge.xml.

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upcoming Events

10.1–10.31
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10.16, 7 p.m., Rasmussen Rotunda
See The 11th Hour, courtesy of the Live Green Challenge!

10.27, Marshall Hall
EnviroTrivia during dinner

10.28, 7 p.m., Schneebeck Concert Hall
Cross border framing of environmental issues

10.30, Todd Field
Garbology! What is thrown away that could be recycled?

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