AC 3: Undergraduate Program

3 points available

A. Credit Rationale
This credit recognizes institutions that have formal, undergraduate-level degree programs focused on sustainability. Developing such programs signals an institution’s commitment to sustainability. Such programs also provide a path for students to study sustainability topics in depth, which better prepares them to address sustainability challenges. Formal academic programs also provide a home for sustainability scholars within the institution.

B. Criteria
Institution offers at least one:
• Sustainability-focused program (major, degree program, or equivalent) for undergraduate students
  And/or
• Undergraduate-level sustainability-focused minor or concentration (e.g. a concentration on sustainable business within a business major).

Extension certificates and other certificates that are not part of academic degree programs do not count for this credit; they are covered in EN 11: Continuing Education.

C. Applicability
This credit applies to all institutions that have undergraduate majors, academic programs, or the equivalent.

D. Scoring
Institutions earn the maximum of 3 points available for this credit for having at least one sustainability-focused degree program or the equivalent for undergraduate students. Partial points are available. An institution with no sustainability-focused degree program that has at least one sustainability-focused minor, concentration or certificate earns 1.5 points (half of the points available for this credit).

E. Reporting Fields

Required
□ An indication of whether the institution offers at least one sustainability-focused major, degree program, or the equivalent for undergraduate students
□ An indication of whether the institution offers one or more sustainability-focused minors, concentrations or certificates for undergraduate students
An affirmation that the submitted information is accurate to the best of a responsible party's knowledge and contact information for the responsible party. The responsible party should be a staff member, faculty member, or administrator who can respond to questions regarding the data once submitted and available to the public.

**Conditional**
Required if the institution is reporting a sustainability-focused undergraduate major, degree program, or the equivalent for undergraduate students:

- The name, description and website URL of each sustainability-focused undergraduate degree program

Required if the institution is reporting an undergraduate-level sustainability-focused minor, concentration or certificate:

- The name, description and website URL of each undergraduate-level sustainability-focused minor, concentration or certificate

**Optional**

- Notes about the submission

**F. Measurement**

**Timeframe**

Report on current program status and offerings. Planned degree programs or degree programs that have been canceled are not eligible for this credit.

**Sampling and Data Standards**

Not applicable
AC 4: Graduate Program

3 points available

A. Credit Rationale
This credit recognizes institutions that have formal, graduate academic degree programs focused on sustainability. Developing such programs signals an institution’s commitment to sustainability. Formal academic programs focused on sustainability provide a path for students to study sustainability topics in depth, thus better preparing them to address sustainability challenges. Formal academic programs also provide a home for sustainability scholars within the institution.

B. Criteria
Institution offers at least one:
• Sustainability-focused program (major, degree program, or equivalent) for graduate students
And/or
• Graduate-level sustainability-focused minor, concentration or certificate (e.g. a concentration on sustainable business within an MBA program).

Extension certificates and other certificates that are not part of academic degree programs do not count for this credit; they are covered in EN 11: Continuing Education.

C. Applicability
This credit applies to all institutions that offer at least 25 distinct graduate programs. Institutions that offer fewer than 25 distinct graduate programs have a choice of either pursuing or omitting this credit.

D. Scoring
Institutions earn the maximum of 3 points available for this credit for having at least one sustainability-focused degree program or the equivalent for graduate students. Partial points are available. An institution with no sustainability-focused degree program for graduate students that has at least one graduate-level sustainability-focused minor, concentration or certificate earns 1.5 points (half of the points available for this credit).

E. Reporting Fields

Required
□ An indication of whether the institution offers at least one sustainability-focused major, degree program, or the equivalent for graduate students
□ An indication if the institution offers one or more graduate-level sustainability-focused minors, concentrations or certificates
☐ An affirmation that the submitted information is accurate to the best of a responsible party's knowledge and contact information for the responsible party. The responsible party should be a staff member, faculty member, or administrator who can respond to questions regarding the data once submitted and available to the public.

Conditional
Required if the institution is reporting a sustainability-focused major, degree program, or the equivalent for graduate students:
☐ The name, description and website URL of each sustainability-focused, graduate-level degree program

Required if the institution is reporting a sustainability-focused minor, concentration or certificate for graduate students:
☐ The name, description and website URL of each graduate-level sustainability-focused minor, concentration or certificate

Optional
☐ Notes about the submission

F. Measurement

Timeframe
Report on current program status and offerings. Planned degree programs or degree programs that have been canceled do not count for this credit.

Sampling and Data Standards
Not applicable