Are you working in sustainability? Do you want to take your career to the next level? Are you keen to make a bigger impact?

Monash University's Master of Environment and Sustainability – Leadership for Sustainable Development specialisation – will give you the knowledge and skills to lead from wherever you are.

Designed in consultation with leading professionals and researchers, our highly interactive curriculum will equip you with key theoretical insights and in-demand practical skills. We’ll take what you already know and help you build on it. We’ll connect you to an international network of sustainable development champions. And we’ll show you new ways to identify and utilise opportunities for positive change.

Now, more than ever, the world needs people with the mindset and skills to create large-scale transformation. We’ll teach you how to be a leader in sustainable development – no matter where you are in your career or organisation.
Monash University is home to the Monash Sustainable Development Institute – one of the world’s leading research and education institutes in sustainable development.

From pioneering new ways to manage water in our cities, to plotting pathways to net zero emissions and unpacking the behavioural drivers of social inequality, Monash is creating solutions to some of the most significant challenges facing society today.

Monash is host to the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (Australia-Pacific).

We’re leading the regional conversation on the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals and how to implement them. So in Australia, no-one is better equipped to connect you to the regional and international context you need to make an impact in sustainable development.

**WHY CHOOSE THE MONASH MASTERS**

Our collaborative cross-faculty Masters brings together leading experts from Science, Arts, Business and the Monash Sustainable Development Institute.

You’ll build a broad platform of sustainability knowledge and interact with students from all specialisations through two core Masters Units. You’ll tailor your learning to your interests through additional complimentary electives. And you’ll get to practice what you’ve learned through internships, interdisciplinary team projects or research.

Our leadership specialisation is unique.

The Monash Masters is the only one of its kind in Australia to offer a leadership in sustainable development specialisation.

**LEADERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISATION**

We believe the grand challenges we face require innovative solutions and transformative change. We need people who can embrace complexity, inspire change and influence behaviour to develop solutions for a better world. And, worldwide, there is growing demand for professionals who can speak the language of many disciplines to effectively collaborate, lead and deliver change for sustainability.

Our unique Leadership for Sustainable Development specialisation will equip you with cutting-edge theoretical insights, analytical skills, and practical tools to design, guide, influence and lead processes so that you can create positive social, environmental and economic outcomes.

You’ll do this through three specialised units:

**Processes to Influence Change**

Transformative change requires a long-term perspective combined with effective short-term action. In this unit, you’ll learn to analyse systems to strategically plan social change toward sustainable development and apply practical tools to influence others and catalyse action.

**Understanding Human Behaviour to Influence Change**

Human behaviour is at the root of every sustainable development challenge. Our leading behaviour change experts will teach you how to unpack public policy challenges using a behavioural lens. They’ll show you how to identify key drivers of behaviour and how to use evidence-based interventions to achieve change.

**Leading Change for Sustainable Development**

We need many types of leaders, at all levels, to move our society onto more sustainable pathways. You’ll learn about models of leadership suited to dealing with complex, borderless problems. You’ll learn how to promote change without authority. And you’ll practice techniques for leading cross-disciplinary teams. Finally, you’ll create a leadership development plan to figure out where and how you’ll be most effective as a leader.

**GRADUATE OUTCOMES**

Within an organisation, your new skills and knowledge will be immediately applicable. You’ll work and lead more effectively across internal teams or with external partners. You’ll be able to identify new opportunities for your project, team or organisation to grow into. And you’ll be able to plan robust pathways to achieve your goals.

You’ll also be plugged in to a dynamic network of professional and research practice – locally, regionally and internationally – through the embedded and extracurricular opportunities that come from studying at MSDI. Our network will help you stay abreast of best practice, track emerging opportunities and open avenues to new collaborations.

“Everybody can be leaders - it’s about whether we are equipping people... with the tools and resources and platforms to thrive.”

— Natalie Kyriacou

Founder — My Green World

“Genuine leadership is needed to get us through this grand challenge – and the more the better.”

— Cheryi Batagol

Chair — EPA Victoria
YOUR EMPLOYEES COULD HELP YOU BECOME A LEADER FOR CHANGE

Are you an employer? Do you want to figure out how your organisation can play a role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals? Our Masters will equip your staff with the skills to make transformative change in sustainable development. Foster the change agents in your organisation, so you can create a bigger impact.

FIT YOUR STUDY AROUND YOUR WORK

Our classes are held on evenings and in block modes. And assessment is by assignment. So you can fit your study around your work. What’s more, you can choose to do the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma instead of a full Masters. Talk to us about your options.

TALK TO US

Talk to us about the Masters of Environment and Sustainability and our Leadership for Sustainable Development specialisation:

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