



Sustainability MSc

www.cranfield.ac.uk/sustainabilitymsc

The role of a sustainability professional is rapidly shifting from technical specialist to influential sustainability-literate change agent. At Cranfield, you will be prepared to shape and deliver organisational strategies that drive long-term resilience, responsible growth and measurable impact.

Our Sustainability MSc combines expertise from our Faculty of Engineering and Applied Sciences and Faculty of Business and Management to create a holistic, multidisciplinary learning experience.

Designed in consultation with industry, the course equips you with a critical mix of technical, leadership and management skills. You will deepen your understanding of both theory and real-world practice of organisational sustainability, while building the confidence and competencies needed to lead and manage change towards improved sustainability performance.

Who is it for?

The course is suitable for individuals at different stages of their sustainability journey who are ready to make a greater impact:

- Sustainability professionals across management levels who want to improve / enhance their sustainability knowledge and capabilities, and lead their organisations more effectively towards improved sustainability performance.
- Individuals who are new to their sustainability roles, whether leading initiatives or working within specialist teams, those who are keen to build their sustainability knowledge and capabilities, and apply these confidently in their workplace.
- Professionals in other functional areas (e.g. operations, procurement, HR) where sustainability is becoming integral to their role, and who want to develop the skills and insight needed to align their area with wider organisational sustainability goals.
- Entrepreneurial individuals looking to develop their sustainability knowledge and capabilities, embedding it in a growing business or to launch a new business designed for long-term responsible growth.

Your career

The need for sustainability professionals is growing as social and environmental issues become more urgent and complex and legislation increasingly focuses on clean growth and sustainable development. Understanding long-term trends and resource use, and their influence on stakeholders, will enable companies to examine the market drivers for sustainability, build the business case for integrating sustainability into practice and create more competitive business models.

Our Sustainability MSc will enable you to develop your knowledge, skills and capabilities while applying what you learn directly in the workplace. The programme will support your career progression, preparing you to successfully carry out sustainability related leadership roles in the future.



Overview

Start date

March 2027

Duration

Two years, part-time

Study type

Online / part-time

Qualification

MSc, PgDip, PgCert

Structure

Taught modules: 120 credits, individual project: 60 credits

Campus

Cranfield campus, Online

Entry requirements

We welcome applications from talented individuals of all backgrounds and each application is considered on its individual merit. Usually, applicants must hold:

- A UK lower second-class (2:2) undergraduate degree with honours, as a minimum, or equivalent international qualification.
- Ideally, applicants will have studied in a related engineering or applied science discipline.
- Find information about equivalent qualifications in your country on our [International entry requirements page](#).

Fees

Please see www.cranfield.ac.uk/fees for detailed information about fee status, full-time and part-time fees as well as deposit requirements and bursary and scholarship information.

Course details

The course comprises of nine taught modules and an individual project.

The course is primarily delivered online to minimise the carbon footprint of the course and enable wide and diverse participation in sustainability education. Modules are delivered live on alternative Fridays over a six-week period with students completing self-directed learning in between these sessions. The learning objectives of the course are delivered through interactive lectures, case study discussions, simulations and role play across the taught modules.

Modules

Keeping our courses up-to-date and current requires constant innovation and change. The modules we offer reflect the needs of business and industry and the research interests of our staff. As a result, they may change or be withdrawn due to research developments, legislation changes or for a variety of other reasons. Changes may also be designed to improve the student learning experience or to respond to feedback from students, external examiners, accreditation bodies and industrial advisory panels.

To give you a taster, we have listed below the compulsory and elective (where applicable) modules which are currently affiliated with this course. All modules are indicative only, and may be subject to change for your year of entry.

Compulsory modules

All the modules in the following list need to be taken as part of this course:

- **Research and Study Skills.**
- **Circular Innovation and Supply Chains.**
- **Environmental Assessment and Performance Reporting.**
- **Personal Leadership for Sustainability.**
- **Principles of Sustainability.**
- **Risk Governance, Perception and Communication.**
- **Social Entrepreneurship and Community Impact.**
- **Strategic Foresight.**
- **Sustainable Value Creation.**

Accreditation

The course is accredited by The Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals (ISEP) (formerly IEMA). Successful completion of this MSc leads to the additional award of Registered Environmental Practitioner (REnvP) status (Practitioner Member of ISEP) or Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) status (Full Member of ISEP) depending on your level of experience prior to the course.



For more information contact Admissions:

T: +01234 758082

[Enquiry form.](#)

Visit campus for yourself and meet current students and our academics at our next Open Day:

[**www.cranfield.ac.uk/openday**](http://www.cranfield.ac.uk/openday)

August 2026

Every effort is made to ensure that the information provided here is correct at the time it is published. Please check our website for the latest information.