

BA/BS Sustainability Capstone Quick Facts

What is Capstone?

Capstone is a culminating experience in the undergraduate sustainability degree programs. School of Sustainability majors are required to complete two Capstones in their senior year. These Capstones are designed to allow students to apply sustainability coursework in practical ways: in a professional setting (internship), and through research or as part of a faculty-directed course with a community partner (workshop).

SOS culminating experience requirements:

- SOS 484: Capstone Internship
- And one of these six options:
 - SOS 498: Capstone Workshop
 - SOS 499: Capstone Research
 - SOS 475: Collaborative Design Development II
 - SOS 493: Honors Thesis (Barrett Honors students only)
 - BMY 430: Biomimicry Practicum
 - SOS/BIO 409: Sustainability & Locusts Lab Workshop

Eligibility

Students must meet the following prerequisites to be eligible to register for capstone courses.

SOS 484: Capstone Internship

- Completed at least three upper-division SOS courses
- Completed SOS 231
- Minimum SOS GPA 2.5; Minimum ASU GPA 2.5
- Junior or senior status (completed at least 56 credit hours)

SOS 498: Capstone Workshop

- Completed at least three upper-division SOS courses
- Recommend completed SOS 232
- Minimum SOS GPA 2.5; Minimum ASU GPA 2.5
- Junior or senior status (completed at least 56 credit hours)

SOS 499: Capstone Research

- Completed at least one semester in residence at ASU
- Minimum SOS/ASU GPA 2.5
- Senior status (completed at least 87 credit hours)

SOS 475: Collaborative Design Development II

- Recommended to complete SOS 474 first
- Must submit application and become accepted
- Completed at least 45 credit hours

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BMY 430: Biomimicry Practicum

- Completed BMY 230, BMY 302 and BMY 304

SOS/BIO 409: Sustainability & Locusts Lab Workshop

- Completed at least three upper-division SOS courses
- Minimum SOS GPA 2.5; Minimum ASU GPA 2.5
- Junior or senior status (completed at least 56 credit hours)

Additional recommendations

- Complete most of your degree requirements and related discipline courses
- Enroll in Capstones separately during your last two semesters

Capstone Internship (SOS 484)

An internship is a planned learning experience that allows students to apply the knowledge and skills learned in the classroom to a professional work setting. Internships offer students the opportunity to learn from professionals in the field and explore potential career options.

- The internship is an applied work experience focused on sustainability. It takes place at a partner organization, with an on-site supervisor directing the intern's work.
- While students need to secure their own internship, the School of Sustainability offers advice and guidance.
- SOS 484 is a 15-week course during Fall and Spring semesters, and an 8-week course during the Summer semester.
- Course and internship must happen simultaneously; retroactive credit for previously completed internships will not be awarded.
- Interns must complete at least 135 hours at the internship site.
- Internship must be approved two weeks before the start of the semester.
- Read the SOS Internship Handbook for more details on how to find an internship, how to get an internship approved and how to register for the course.
- Review <https://sustainabilityconnect.asu.edu> for a selection of current local internship opportunities.
- Schedule an in-person or phone meeting with the Assistant Director of Internships & Experiential Education via the My ASU advising appointment scheduling system.

Contact

- For questions about the Capstone internship, please email soschangemaker@asu.edu or schedule a phone or in-person meeting with the Assistant Director of Internships & Experiential Education via the My ASU advising appointment scheduling system.
- For questions about all other Capstone options, please email sosadvising@asu.edu or schedule a phone or in-person meeting with your SOS Advisor via the My ASU advising appointment scheduling system.

