



# MSc Sustainable Leadership and Development

- ✓ **Master of Science**
- ✓ **Postgraduate Diploma**
- ✓ **Postgraduate Certificate**

© Offered by: International School for Development Justice (ISDJ)

© Campus: Global Campus

© Delivery Mode: 100% Online | Asynchronous Learning

© Duration: 14 Months (Full-time) or 24 Months (Part-time)



## Programme Overview

The MSc in Sustainable Leadership and Development addresses the critical vulnerabilities of developing countries particularly Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to environment-related crises that impact all sectors of social life. This innovative programme prepares public and private sector managers, officials, and citizens to lead transformational change by integrating sustainable development principles into organizational operations, policy frameworks, and regional strategies.

Students will develop a multidisciplinary understanding of complex environmental systems including water, climate, energy, waste management, and environmental services. The curriculum combines leadership competencies with interdisciplinary perspectives to frame challenging environmental issues and design integrated solutions to development problems. If the Sustainable Development Goals are to be achieved, leaders within different sectors of SIDS societies must be able to integrate sustainability principles into the psyche and routine operations of their enterprises, local society, and the wider region.

## Programme Structure & Awards

This is a ladderred programme offering three qualifications, each building toward the full MSc:

### Pre-Programme

- ⦿ ISDJ workshop for matriculated students; or qualifying course for persons deemed to not have adequate academic background.

### Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert)

- ⦿ Four courses. Total: 12 credits.

### Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip)

- ⦿ Five core courses [15 credits] and two elective courses [6 credits] inclusive of the courses for the PgCert. Total: 21 credits.

### MSc

- ⦿ Six core courses [18 credits], four elective courses [12 credits] inclusive of the courses for the PgDip, and one project course [6 credits]. Total: 36 credits.

## Programme Goals

This programme aims to:

- ③ Create a cadre of persons with cognitive skills, knowledge, and technical competences in leadership and sustainable development to lead activities that address challenges to attaining the SDGs
- ③ Create awareness of the urgent need for policies and procedures to address the sustainable development needs of SIDS
- ③ Expose students to an interdisciplinary approach to policy definition, research, and advice for sustainable development
- ③ Expand knowledge on sustainable development so that participants can understand the linkages between nature, society, economics, and well-being and effective actions in communities, businesses, public sector, and civil society
- ③ Create graduates that have competence to lead sustainable development activities

## Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this programme, graduates will be able to:

- ③ Critically analyse the concepts of leadership and sustainable development
- ③ Assess sustainable development challenges, with particular emphasis on the processes which are unique to special cases such as poor or marginalized communities, less developed countries, islands, or landlocked states
- ③ Synthesize interdisciplinary perspectives to examine the interconnections among leadership, sustainable communities, and economic development and how these relate to the development of social capital, community capacity, and economic growth
- ③ Implement strategies that promote fairness, inclusion, equity, and improve the quality of life within communities, businesses, or countries
- ③ Lead activities to address Sustainable Development problems



## Target Audience

This programme is designed for professionals and change-makers including:

- ⦿ University graduates with an interest in Sustainable Development
- ⦿ Diplomatic professionals: Staff of diplomatic missions and ministries of Foreign Affairs
- ⦿ Private sector managers who are interested in leadership within the sector
- ⦿ NGO professionals: Persons engaged in work with environmental and community-related NGOs
- ⦿ Public sector leaders: Leaders and Middle Managers in civil service, public sector entities, including regulatory agencies and in the private sector
- ⦿ Career advancers: Other individuals interested in career advancement within the public or private sector

## Entry Requirements

It is proposed that the admission criteria to the MSc would be as follows:

**Degreed Applicants:** At least a bachelor's degree or equivalent in any medical, nursing or health sciences, biological sciences, management sciences, health planning, or information technology from a university or college acceptable to The University of the West Indies, with at least a GPA of 2.5.

OR

**Pass-Degreed Applicants:** Students with pass degrees will be considered if they have at least two (2) years of post-degree work experience, particularly in a related field such as an allied health or business profession

Technical and/or professional qualification(s) awarded by an approved body recognised by The University of the West Indies and having a minimum of two (2) years' experience in a related field such as an allied health or business profession.



## **Non-Degreed or Certified Applicants:**

The ISDJ aims to provide a pathway to a limited number of individuals without a traditional academic background but who have relevant work experience, and at least five (5) years of management-level experience in a related field such as an allied health or business profession. Applicants entering through this route may be subject to an interview and will be required to successfully complete a qualifying course to be considered for entry to the Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert). On successful completion of the requirements for the PgCert the student can proceed to the Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip). On successful completion of the requirements for the PgDip the student can proceed to the MSc.

## **Programme Structure**

### **Stackable Credentials**

The programme offers flexible pathways to accommodate different career stages and learning goals:

### **Applicants can apply for direct entry to:**

- © Postgraduate Certificate and ladder up to the Postgraduate Diploma and then to the MSc
- OR
- © Postgraduate Diploma and then to the MSc
- OR
- © MSc

**Master of Science (36 credits)**  
(includes 12 credits from PgCert or 21 credits from PgDip)

**Postgraduate Diploma (21 credits)**  
(includes 12 credits from Postgraduate Certificate)

**Postgraduate Certificate (12 credits)**

# Programme Components

## Master of Science (36 credits)

- ⦿ Six 3-credit core courses (18 credits)
- ⦿ Four 3-credit elective courses (12 credits)
- ⦿ One 6-credit final project course (6 credits)

## Postgraduate Diploma (21 credits)

- ⦿ Five 3-credit core courses (15 credits)
- ⦿ Two 3-credit elective courses (6 credits)

## Postgraduate Certificate (12 credits)

- ⦿ Four 3-credit core courses

## Additional Requirements

- ⦿ Proficiency in English (IELTS 6.5 overall with no band below 6.0, or equivalent)
- ⦿ Two professional or academic references
- ⦿ Current CV/resume demonstrating relevant experience
- ⦿ Access to a computer with reliable internet connectivity for online learning

## Programme Delivery

Each programme in Sustainable Leadership and Development is delivered as a fully asynchronous online programme via a Learning Management System (LMS). All course materials, activities, and assessments are available through the LMS, providing maximum flexibility for working professionals.

## Key Features:

- ⦿ Asynchronous learning: Study at your own pace within structured timeframes
- ⦿ No scheduled class times: Access materials and complete work according to your schedule
- ⦿ Interactive online platform: Engage with faculty, peers, and multimedia learning resources
- ⦿ Global learning community: Connect with international cohort of sustainability and leadership professionals
- ⦿ Practical application: Real-world case studies and projects focused on SIDS and developing country contexts

## Career Pathways

Graduates of the programmes in Sustainable Leadership and Development will be prepared for leadership roles in:

- ⦿ Public Sector Leadership: Senior managers, directors, and policy advisors in government ministries, departments, and regulatory agencies
- ⦿ International Development: Programme managers, technical advisors, and country representatives with UN agencies, international development organizations, and multilateral institutions
- ⦿ Environmental Governance: Environmental coordinators, sustainability officers, and climate adaptation specialists in public institutions
- ⦿ NGO and Civil Society Leadership: Executive directors, programme managers, and advocacy specialists in environmental and development NGOs
- ⦿ Private Sector Sustainability: Corporate sustainability directors, ESG managers, and responsible business leaders
- ⦿ Diplomatic Service: Environmental diplomats, policy negotiators, and development cooperation specialists
- ⦿ Community Development: Community leaders, social entrepreneurs, and grassroots organization managers
- ⦿ Consultancy: Sustainability consultants, organizational development specialists, and policy advisors

## Why Choose This Programme?

- ⦿ SIDS-Focused Curriculum: Specifically designed to address the unique challenges of Small Island Developing States and vulnerable communities
- ⦿ Multidisciplinary Approach: Integrates environmental science, economics, policy, leadership, and social development for holistic problem-solving
- ⦿ SDG-Aligned: Directly supports achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
- ⦿ Flexible Learning: 100% online asynchronous delivery allows you to study while maintaining professional commitments
- ⦿ Leadership Development: Combines technical knowledge with leadership competencies for transformational change

- © Practical Relevance: Interdisciplinary perspective on real-world sustainable development challenges
- © Multiple Entry Pathways: Accommodates diverse educational and professional backgrounds, including alternative routes for experienced professionals
- © Career Advancement: Laddered qualification structure allows you to earn credentials while progressing toward the full MSc
- © Center of Excellence: Learn from ISDJ's commitment to becoming a center of excellence for achieving the SDGs
- © Regional Expertise: Faculty with deep understanding of Caribbean, SIDS, and developing country contexts

## Programme Fees (USD)

Graduate Programmes	Fees
Masters (Direct Entry)	\$10,000.00
Pg Diploma (Direct Entry)	\$7,500.00
Pg Certificate (Direct Entry)	\$3,500.00
Pg Diploma (if applicant holds *certificate)	\$4,500.00
Masters (if applicant holds the *certificate)	\$9,000.00
Masters (if applicant holds the *diploma)	\$4,500.00

\*Must correspond to higher level programme for which you are applying.



## Application Process:

- ⦿ Complete the online application form via the ISDJ website
- ⦿ Upload required documents (transcripts, CV, personal statement, references) to Qualification Check™
- ⦿ Pay the non-refundable application fee
- ⦿ Attend an online interview (if required, particularly for non-degreed applicants)
- ⦿ Complete qualifying course if entering through alternative pathway
- ⦿ Receive admission decision within 3-4 weeks

## Required Documents:

- ⦿ Certified copies of academic transcripts and certificates (or professional qualifications) to be uploaded to Qualification Check™
- ⦿ Two reference letters (professional or academic)
- ⦿ Current CV/resume highlighting relevant experience
- ⦿ Proof of English language proficiency (if applicable)
- ⦿ Copy of passport or national ID to be uploaded to Qualification Check™



# Sustainable Leadership and Development Programmes

Graduate Certificate	Graduate Diploma	Master
12 Credits	21 Credits	36 Credits
Advanced Concepts for Sustainable Development	Advanced Concepts for Sustainable Development	Advanced Concepts for Sustainable Development
Policy Formulation, Governance and Ethics	Policy Formulation, Governance and Ethics	Policy Formulation, Governance and Ethics
Sustainable Development Through Transformational Leadership	Sustainable Development Through Transformational Leadership	Sustainable Development Through Transformational Leadership
Principles of Community and Economic Development	Principles of Community and Economic Development	Principles of Community and Economic Development
	Project Management and Grant Writing	Project Management and Grant Writing
	2 Electives	Research Methods
		4 Electives
		Final Project in Sustainability



## Contact Information

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Integrate sustainability into the heart of your organization and community.  
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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



## PARTNERING WITH



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## ACCREDITATION BOARDS

The following accreditation agencies have granted the Campus, and by extension, the ISDJ, mutual recognition of the accreditation decision by the BAC:



Grenada National Accreditation  
Board



Higher Education Licensing Board,  
Anguilla



National Accreditation Board of St.  
Vincent and the Grenadines



National Accrediting Board,  
Dominica



St. Christopher and Nevis  
Accreditation Board



Technical and Vocational  
Education and Training  
Accreditation Unit, St. Lucia



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