



**Sub Committee for Curriculum Development Faculty of Management  
General Management or Sustainable Management  
Undergraduate**

**Name of Institute:** Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts

**Course Name:** Sustainability Studies

**(UG/PG):** UG

**Number of Credits:** 4 (60 Hrs)

**Level:** 2

**Introduction:**

For the last 10,000 years, humans have followed a path of development, based on an ever-increasing consumption of natural resources. Today, we are locked into an unsustainable lifestyle, at an individual as well as societal level. It is now increasingly believed that the first half of the 21<sup>st</sup> century will see a gradual breakdown of the prevalent economic, political, and social systems, while the second half of the century will involve ‘picking up the pieces’.

Although preservation of the environment is a core concept in sustainable development, the focus of this course will be more on the technological, economical, and socio-political aspects of today’s unsustainable development model, and the potential paths towards sustainability. The course will thus empower the students with a rational and scientific approach to deal with the developmental challenges in their professional and personal lives. The students will acquire the ability to assess the sustainability potential of any path of development in any sector. They will gain an insight into how a sustainable path is possible without compromising the basic requirements of a comfortable quality of life, and will learn to discern between facts and propaganda.

The main objective of this course is to aid students in their understanding of the technological, economical, socio-political, and ecological dimensions of the developmental crises faced by individuals, societies, nations, and human beings as a whole. They will also learn to ‘unlearn’ what has been internalized during the period of rapid industrial growth. This will be replaced by information, values, and ways of doing things that will be better suited to the future.

The course will broadly cover the the global dimensions of sustainability, national perspectives on sustainability, and community as well as individual perspectives on sustainability.