

From the course syllabus:

After finishing the course the student shall:

be able to understand different dimensions of Sustainable development on a local, regional and global scale;

be able to critically relate to and analyze the history and development of the concept of Sustainable development;

be able to critically relate to and value different definitions and indicators of Sustainable development;

be able to critically relate to and value different actors visions of a sustainable future and different strategies to attain a sustainable society.

Searching for Sustainability – a critical analysis of current debates

To pursue an understanding of the broad and often complex questions of sustainability, you need the opportunity to analyze existing research and events happening within the sustainability debate outside the programme courses. This is also one of many ways for you to attain understanding of the course goals (se syllabus above).

This assignment allows you to go outside the existing schedules of the programme. You are encouraged to seek events that occur at, or in collaboration with, Uppsala University, The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, or other academic institutions. This can be anything from conferences, talks, workshops, seminars, lectures etc. However, the assignment is not only about going to interesting events, but also about analyzing your experiences.

Instructions

You should attend a minimum of 2 events. You should write the analysis (see instructions below) in a word-document and upload to the student portal no later than **December 1st**. This analysis should be written to meet academic standards and contain 2000 to maximum 3000 words. You will also discuss and present your experiences at the seminar on December 12th.

The events have to follow the following criteria:

- *Free of charge (the course cannot pay anything)*
- *Relevant to Sustainable Development*
- *Arranged by/in cooperation with Uppsala University, SLU or other academic institution*

- *The events also have to work time wise in relation to mandatory parts of the schedules. If you are unsure about this, ask Malin*

Your analysis should include:

- *A critical analysis of the events and their relevance to Sustainability. Be sure to use arguments to back up any opinions.*
- *A critical analysis of the actors' worldviews and visions. Be sure to use arguments to back up any opinions. Relate this to what you have learnt so far in the course.*
- *Adequate references to academic research and references (the assigned course literature and books are highly relevant)*
- *A question that has arisen from the participation in the event that you would like to pursue further and discuss with your peers.*

Your will present your analysis in smaller groups on the seminar December 12th, your presentation should include:

- *A brief description of the events and your analysis.*
- *Focus on the last point in the analysis:
A question that has arisen from the participation in the event that you would like to pursue further and discuss with your peers*

You will have about 10 minutes each to present to your peers in smaller groups. You are free to use digital media but we cannot provide a projector for each group. However if you have a laptop that you can bring you can show any pictures or other relevant information to your group with that.

Good luck! / Malin