

MIT Sloan Sustainability Certificate Requirements & Pathways

The Sustainability Certificate at MIT Sloan is the only offering of its kind among our peer institutions. It provides students with an opportunity to engage in a dialogue around organizational challenges and choices, and to develop a mindset for encouraging sustainability strategies that lead to impact in our communities and environments.

The certificate has been part of the MIT Sloan experience since 2010 and graduates approximately 40 students a year. We take a cross-disciplinary approach, welcoming students from all schools at MIT. The basic requirements are the same, however, program-by-program and based on the unique requirements of each, we do offer exceptions and alternative pathways.

The Certificate is only available to students in degree-granting programs at MIT who are eligible to take graduate-level classes at MIT Sloan. Once you have been accepted and are enrolled in a degree-granting program, please register your interest by emailing us at sustainability@sloan.mit.edu and request a meeting with one of our program staff to review the requirements and discuss pathways for completion that meet your academic and career goals. The certificate is awarded based on a review of the transcript near graduation.

EMBA Sequence

The EMBA is perhaps the most rigid of all programs, with pre-selected core classes fulfilling program requirements during students' time on campus. It is possible to pursue the certificate, but difficult. We encourage students who are interested to reach out as soon as possible to register interest.

We recommend that EMBA students take the 15.915 Sustainability Lab (S-Lab) course in their first year, but it is not a requirement – they have the flexibility to take it 1st or 2nd year. This ideally is in person, on campus, and we offer a remote option. Note: S-Lab can be used as a substitute for the EMBA Global Labs action learning subject requirement- talk to your advisors with any questions. Please contact Geoff Miskinis (gmmiskin@mit.edu), copying Emma Caldwell (ecaldwel@mit.edu) to register your interest in taking the class.

We consider the following exceptions to the traditional certificate requirements for EMBA Students:

- ✓ An O-Lab project with a sustainability focus can be used to fulfill a certificate elective requirement.
- ✓ Final spring action learning project (GO-Lab, China-Lab, or IDEA-Lab) with a sustainability focus substitutes for an elective requirement
- ✓ Independent studies in lieu of one of the elective requirements

To earn the Sustainability Certificate, EMBA students need to take S-Lab and complete two additional electives in addition to their EMBA core class work. Some certificate electives are part of the EMBA curriculum; other suggested electives can be found on the next page. Please note that if you plan to use your O-Lab project and/or other EMBA action learning class project to fulfill a Sustainability Certificate elective requirement, please seek advance approval from Bethany Patten at bpatten@mit.edu.

Course Name	FA	JA	SP	SU	FA	SP
Required						
15.700 Leadership & Integrative Management (Wal-Mart Week)	X					
15.915 Sustainability-Lab (S-Lab) (T/Th 10-11:30am)			X			X
15.736 System Dynamics				X		
Elective Suggestions (within existing EMBA Curriculum)						
15.723 Advanced Applied Macroeconomics and International Institutions			X			X
15.708 Global Organizations Lab (w/Sustainability-focused project)			X			X
15.S17 IDEA-Lab						X
15.735 Product Design		X				
15.705 Organizations-lab (w/Sustainability-focused project)				X	X	
15.737 Advanced System Dynamics		X				
15.701 IDEA Executive Module (w/sustainability-focused project)			X			
Elective Suggestions (outside EMBA Curriculum)						
15.499 Finance & Sustainability			H4			H4
15.385 Innovating for Impact	X				X	
15.038 Energy, Econ, Policy						X
15.768 Management of Serv.			X		X	X
15.375 Development Ventures	X				X	
15.366 Energy Ventures	X				X	
15.270 Ethical Practice			X			X
15.783J Product Design & Development			X			X
15.662 Managing Sustainable Business for People & Profit			X			X

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