

What our recent graduates say

"Since graduating I have been working at the Sustainable Business Network (SBN), New Zealand's largest and longest standing sustainable business organisation. Our mission is to empower business so people and nature prosper. Part of my role at SBN involves leading the Now Crowd project – this is a network of young professionals who are eager to drive sustainability within their organisations. The project is all about helping people build capability, confidence and impact around sustainability. The theories and concepts I learnt throughout the MSusBus course gave me the knowledge and confidence to do what I do today."



Holly Leach
Master of Sustainable Business graduate

"I have always had a love of the outdoors and the environment, so the opportunity to study sustainability in a relevant context that could be applied to the corporate world really appealed to me. Throughout the duration of the course, my passion for the subject definitely grew."



"Having a master's differentiates you from the crowd, especially in an emerging field such as sustainability. My qualification has provided me with relevant experience that my employer really values. Additionally, being able to show that you are willing to stick at something as demanding as writing a project demonstrates you are motivated and able to overcome challenges."

Emilie O'Shea
Master of Sustainable Business graduate

As the distance-taught master's is new, the profiled graduates completed their study on campus.

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Master of Sustainable Business (MSusBus) Online

A qualification that tackles the big issues: sustainability, climate change and resource scarcity.



Be a change agent for social and environmental impact in business organisations.



Master of Sustainable Business (MSusBus)

Looking for a top master's programme in sustainability, but other commitments are preventing you from studying full-time or being on campus?

The University of Otago offers its Master of Sustainable Business (MSusBus) online, enabling you to hone your sustainable business skills and advance your career from anywhere in New Zealand and beyond. The MSusBus is an interdisciplinary programme providing you with an advanced qualification in sustainability. Drawing upon emerging research in the field, this programme will position graduates for a wide range of career options in the public and private sectors – as practitioners and policy makers in roles such as sustainability managers, business analysts, sustainable business consultants and sustainability advisers.

- Live classes are held in the evenings using Zoom.
- The online program is designed to be studied part-time over the course of two years.
- No need to attend classes in Dunedin.
- Coursework consists of seven compulsory papers and an applied project.
- Intake in January 2022.

Course structure

Required:

- BSNS 401 The Environment of Business and Economics
- MANT 414 Research Process
- MANT 437 Organisations and Sustainability
- MANT 447 Contemporary Issues in Sustainable Business
- MANT 450 Governance and Social Responsibility
- MANT 451 Strategic Change and Innovation
- MANT 455 Leadership Development

Plus:

- MANT 501 Applied Project

Why study the Master of Sustainable Business at Otago?

Industries, both in New Zealand and around the world, are increasingly recognising the importance of having a good understanding of sustainability in everyday business operations. In response, the Master of Sustainable Business provides an in-depth consideration of one of the key issues of our time – how to manage an organisation while maximising social outcomes and minimising impacts on the natural environment.

The Otago MSusBus is an interactive, live and collaborative master's programme of world-class standard. The Otago Business School's Department of Management is number one for research in New Zealand and sits within one of the top business schools in the world.*

The MSusBus is administered by, and based on, the Otago MBA online programme, which is ranked number 13 globally and first in the world for class experience.** This means that teaching and coursework are cutting-edge, with projects that are practical and often involve working with companies on issues they need help with.

The MSusBus is designed for high achievers who want to undertake a high-quality master's programme in sustainability but are not able to attend on-campus and/or full-time classes.



Key information

- Open to students who have completed a bachelor's degree in any discipline.
- Requires an average grade of B+ in 300-level papers.
- Alternative qualifications or experience may be acceptable to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Commerce).

Teaching style and methods

Using Zoom, you will attend live weekly lectures, share interactive discussions with your classmates and participate in break-out sessions. In addition to lectures and small group discussions, teaching methods include the use of readings, case analyses and interaction with external organisations. While completing the MSusBus you may be assessed in a variety of ways, including essays, individual and group presentations, and research projects.

What do you need to attend classes?

To participate in the online classes, you will need access to broadband internet, a computer, a good headset and somewhere you can set yourself up comfortably.

Career opportunities

Graduates will have a wide range of career opportunities, both within New Zealand and worldwide. Roles include sustainability managers in industry, business analysts, sustainable business consultants, sustainable development managers and climate change advisers. There is a wide range of career options in the public and private sectors as practitioners and policy makers for sustainability involving low-carbon strategies. New Zealand businesses that already employ people whose focus is on sustainability include Fonterra, Z Energy, NZ Post and Fuji Xerox.

*PBRF Quality Evaluation (latest evaluation 2018).

**QS Online MBA Rankings 2021.