

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. And 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 thesis implies you are motivated and able to overcome challenges."

Emilie O'Shea
Master of Sustainable Business graduate

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Master of Sustainable Business (MSusBus)

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



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



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The Master of Sustainable Business 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 positions such as sustainability managers, business analysts, sustainable business consultants and sustainability advisors.

Why study the Master of Sustainable Business at Otago?

Industries, both in New Zealand and globally, are increasingly seeing the importance of having a good understanding of sustainability in everyday business operations. In response, the 12-month Master of Sustainable Business degree 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.

It is the only course of its type in New Zealand and involves electives from across the University, allowing flexibility of the papers you study. The Otago Business School's Management Department is number one for research and sits within the number one business school*. This means that teaching and course work are cutting edge, with projects that are practical and often involve working with companies on an issues they need help with.

*PBRF Quality Evaluation (latest evaluation 2018).

Key information

- Available on campus and taught through distance learning
- Open to students who have completed a bachelor's degree in any discipline.
- Usually have achieved an average grade of B+ in the relevant 300-level papers.
- Have equivalent alternative qualifications or experience acceptable to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Commerce).
- 12 months of full-time study or 24 months through part-time study.

Teaching style and methods

The programme resides with the Department of Management while offering electives from around the University. You will be taught using a mixture of lectures, small group discussions and readings, case analyses, and interaction with outside organisations. While completing the MSusBus you may be assessed in a variety of ways, including essays, individual and group presentations, research projects and final exams.

Career opportunities

Graduates will have a wide range of career opportunities, both within New Zealand and internationally, in roles such as sustainability managers for industry, business analysts, sustainable business consultants, sustainable development managers and climate change advisors. 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.

Degree structure

Required:

- MANT 414 Research Process
- MANT 437 Organisations and Sustainability
- MANT 450 Governance and Social Responsibility
- MANT 451 Strategic Thinking

Electives choose three from:

- ECON 405 The Economics of Natural Resources and Public Choice
- EMAN 410 Energy Policy
- ENTR 420 Sustainable Entrepreneurship
- GEOG 401 Development Theory
- GEOG 402 Development in Practice
- GEOG 472 Developments in Environmental Management
- MANT 455 Leadership Development
- MANT 443 Special Topic Advanced Organisations and Sustainability
- TOUR 422 Tourism and Global Environmental Change

One of:

- MANT 501 Applied Project
- MANT 580 Research Project

Every paper may not be offered in a given year.