Leaders in Sustainability (LiS) Graduate Certificate

What is LiS?
LiS is an interdisciplinary, graduate certificate program offered by the UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability. The program provides a mechanism for any UCLA graduate student to pursue their interests in sustainability and collaborate with students from different fields.

A free, value-add that gives students a career edge
LiS is a national award-winning program that provides a large value add, with no additional tuition cost, to the experience of enrolled UCLA graduate students. Unique to UCLA, LiS is a model sustainability certificate program for the nation. LiS facilitates multi-discipline knowledge breadth to enhance the subject matter depth provided in graduate school. LiS students have a career edge by developing leadership and collaboration skills as well as a broad knowledge of sustainability topics that are increasingly relevant to employers.

A flexible program that allows you to further your own goals
To earn the Leader in Sustainability certification, you would complete three requirements tailored to your interests: 1) the LiS core course, 2) three other “elected,” and 3) a leadership project.

1) Students take the Leaders in Sustainability core course (4 units) offered during the winter quarter. This course exposes students to a range of hot topics in sustainability from experts in fields including urban planning, law, environmental sciences, engineering, and health. Students also participate in leadership training and learn how to collaboratively address sustainability challenges.

2) LiS allows students to create a program tailored to their interests and career goals. Students design their course portfolio to include three other 4-unit “elected” courses (or the equivalent of such to equal a minimum of 12 units). At least one of these “elected” courses must be outside of your home department/school, with the objective to achieve breadth during grad school.

3) The leadership project is an opportunity for LiS students to pursue a project of their choosing to advance sustainability. Leadership projects have measurable performance outcomes. Past projects include organizing a conference and offering consulting services for a non-profit.

How do I apply?
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year, but to maximize benefits in the current academic year, submit your application by November 16, 2018. Complete the short application here: https://www.ioes.ucla.edu/lis/how-to-apply/.

Questions and more information
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