



# Short Syllabus



Course Title	Credits
<b>The Green Compass - Developing Solutions for Sustainability Challenges</b>	4
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<b>Semester</b>	
A+B	
<b>Short Description</b>	
<p>This course will expose the students to theoretical and practical applications for introducing environmental considerations and measuring environmental impacts in developing solutions for sustainability challenges. The formulation of the solutions will be done using holistic life cycle perspective that takes into account production and consumption systems. The course will discuss selected issues that affect everyday life and examine whether and how environmental and social issues can be taken into account in providing solutions to future challenges. The theoretical sessions will be presented mainly in semester A and early semester B. The course will also include a practical activity component, in order to increase awareness of environmental considerations and understand the complexity in developing solutions to problems. The practical part will be in the form of challenge based project portion based on UN Sustainable Development Goals and it will be performed during the 2 semesters.</p>	
<b>Final grade components</b>	
<p><b>Minor assignments:</b> Readings <b>Midterm:</b> Mandatory Status presentations on project progress every 3 weeks and in the final session – 20% One homework assignment on the theoretical materials – 15% <b>Final requirement:</b> Mandatory Final deliverable submission of the project – 40% Group summary report – 20% Personal reflection report – 5% <b>Participation:</b> Active participation is expected from all students.</p>	
<b>Attendance</b>	
<p>Attendance is mandatory. Students are permitted a maximum of three unauthorized absences without penalty. Any additional absences will affect the final grade and may result in failure of the course.*</p>	
<b>Academic Conduct</b>	



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## **Final assignment**

The final assignment is the submission of the final project deliverable, group and personal reports

## **Additional requirements**

The students are expected to invest additional time out of class time on their projects.

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\* See Liberal Arts academic handbook for further details