UZBEKISTAN STATE WORLD LANGUAGES UNIVERSITY

Dedicated Courses on Sustainability and the SDGs

SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals | Reporting year 2025

In addition to the compulsory SDG module taken by every new undergraduate, Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) offers dedicated, cataloged courses that address sustainability and the Sustainable Development Goals within specific degree programs. Five such courses, each worth 3 credits (5 ECTS), were approved by the Academic Council on 20 June 2024 (Protocol No. 14) as part of the curriculum schedule and have been taught since the 2024–2025 academic year. Four are discipline-specific courses for students of journalism and communication, translation, English philology and business communication, and one is an open elective available to students of any program. The courses apply the University's strengths in language, translation and communication to climate change, environmental policy and sustainability reporting.

Overview

Code	Course	Offered by	Sem.	Credits
ICJ 340	Climate Change Communication	Department of Media and Communication Studies	6	3 (5 ECTS)
TRN 355	Environmental Translation	Department of Written Translation	6	3 (5 ECTS)
ENG 420	Green Linguistics and Ecolinguistics	Department of English Linguistics	7	3 (5 ECTS)
BFL 330	Sustainability Reporting and ESG Communication	Department of Business Foreign Languages	6	3 (5 ECTS)
ESS 260	Environmental Policy and the Circular Economy	University-wide open elective	5 or 6	3 (5 ECTS)

Course details

ICJ 340 Climate Change Communication

The course examines how climate change is communicated to diverse public audiences across news media and social media, and trains students to analyze and produce climate communication (SDG 13).

Feature	ICJ 340
Offered by	Department of Media and Communication Studies (journalism and intercultural communication programs)
Semester	6
Credits	3 credits (5 ECTS)
Contact hours	48 (24 lectures, 24 seminars)
Learning outcome (example)	Critically analyze framing strategies used in climate-related media coverage
Assessment	30% media-analysis assignment; 30% practical communication artifact; 40% final examination
In effect	1 September 2024
Approval	Academic Council, 20 June 2024, Resolution AC-2025-035

TRN 355 Environmental Translation

The course develops specialized translation competence in environmental and climate-related texts, including climate-policy documents and technical terminology (SDG 13, SDG 17).

Feature	TRN 355
Offered by	Department of Written Translation (translation and interpreting programs)
Semester	6
Credits	3 credits (5 ECTS)
Contact hours	48 (16 lectures, 32 workshops)
Learning outcome (example)	Translate environmental and climate-policy texts accurately, maintaining the appropriate technical register
Assessment	20% terminology-database project; 30% workshop translations; 50% final translation examination
In effect	1 September 2024
Approval	Academic Council, 20 June 2024, Resolution AC-2025-036

ENG 420 Green Linguistics and Ecolinguistics

The course introduces ecolinguistics as a field that examines the role of language in shaping ecological attitudes and behavior, and the analysis of environmental discourse (SDG 4, SDG 13).

Feature	ENG 420
Offered by	Department of English Linguistics (English philology programs)
Semester	7
Credits	3 credits (5 ECTS)
Contact hours	48 (32 lectures, 16 seminars)
Learning outcome (example)	Critically evaluate the ideological assumptions embedded in environmental narratives and metaphors
Assessment	40% critical discourse-analysis assignment; 20% seminar presentation; 40% final essay
In effect	1 September 2024
Approval	Academic Council, 20 June 2024, Resolution AC-2025-037

BFL 330 Sustainability Reporting and ESG Communication

The course develops competence in reading, translating and producing corporate sustainability and environmental, social and governance (ESG) reports and communication (SDG 8, SDG 12).

Feature	BFL 330
Offered by	Department of Business Foreign Languages (business communication track)
Semester	6
Credits	3 credits (5 ECTS)
Contact hours	48 (24 lectures, 24 workshops)
Learning outcome (example)	Interpret and summarize corporate sustainability and ESG disclosures in English
Assessment	30% report-analysis assignment; 30% communication-drafting workshop; 40% final project
In effect	From the 2024–2025 academic year
Approval	Academic Council, 20 June 2024, Resolution AC-2025-038

ESS 260 Environmental Policy and the Circular Economy

The course introduces core concepts in environmental policy, natural-resource economics and the circular economy, and is designed to be accessible without prior study of economics (SDG 12, SDG 13).

Feature	ESS 260
Offered by	Open elective for students of all programs
Semester	5 or 6
Credits	3 credits (5 ECTS)
Contact hours	48 (32 lectures, 16 seminars)
Learning outcome (example)	Explain core principles of environmental policy and circular-economy models
Assessment	40% case-study assignment; 20% seminar participation; 40% final examination
In effect	1 September 2024
Approval	Academic Council, 20 June 2024, Resolution AC-2025-040

Supporting evidence

- Minutes of the Academic Council meeting, Protocol No. 14 (curriculum schedule items 13–18): https://uzswlu.uz/backend/web/uploads/pagepdf/icon/17835046513163.pdf
- Academic Council meeting news: https://uzswlu.uz/en/news/academic-council-holds-its-ac-2025-014-meeting-at-uzbekistan-state-world-languages-university-1783577236