

Online Master's Programs in Sustainable Development

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What is the SDG Academy?

The SDG Academy is the flagship education initiative of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), with the mandate of promoting transformative education through the creation and curation of high quality content on sustainable development, sharing of innovative pedagogies and training models, and providing open access to learning resources for a global audience.



Our Online Master's Programs

Launched in July 2020 with two partners:

- Master's in Sustainable Development Management (MSDM) online track at Sunway University, Malaysia
- MSc in Sustainable Development at University College Dublin, Ireland

147 graduates across both programs

"I had the privilege of learning from global thought leaders, engaging in multi-disciplinary discussions, and gaining practical insights."

- Sofia Teles, Sustainability Officer, The Netherlands

"If it was not an online program, I wouldn't have taken this course. The program has provided a lot of flexibility, especially with classes conducted during weekends, providing better convenience for working adults like me."

- Yeoh Min Li, Biofuel Project Engineer, Hong Kong



Why an Online Master's?

The initiative supports multiple SDG targets related to education, training, awareness-raising, and capacity-building by expanding access to high-quality educational credentials in sustainable development with affordable, fully-online accredited Master's programs.

It also encourages the creation and sharing of digital public goods, as outlined in the Dubai Declaration on Open Educational Resources (OER) and the Global Digital Compact.

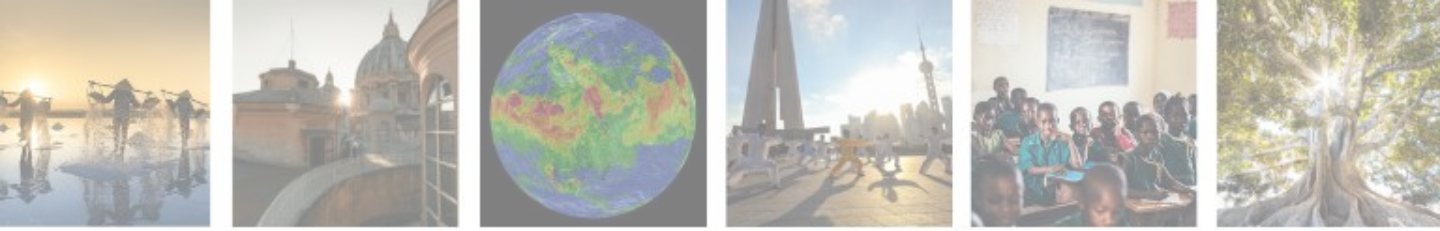




Why a Partnership?

Through our Online Master's partnerships, the SDG Academy is able to advocate for the availability of **flexible, affordable credentials** in sustainable development with reputable, accredited universities worldwide.

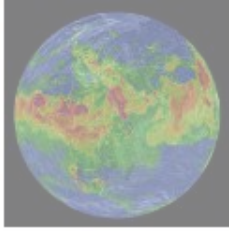
Our university partners benefit from the SDG Academy's **vast catalog of online resources**—such as our 50+ massive open online courses and our library of 2,000+ lecture and case study videos—our **expertise in online education**, and SDSN's **global network of experts** in a wide range of sustainable development fields.



MSDM at Sunway University

The Master's in Sustainable Development Management (MSDM) at Sunway University's Jeffrey Sachs Center aims to create a new generation of multidisciplinary practitioners adept at management and problem-solving using analytics and systems thinking guided by global concerns.

- Duration: 12 months (minimum)
- Total graduated: 23
- Jan 2025 cohort: 7
- Student profile: Upskilling professionals from tourism, energy, IT, law, etc.
- Geographic target: Asia-Pacific

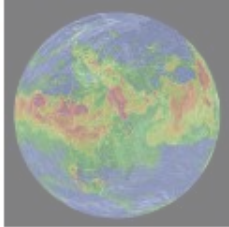


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MSc in Sustainable Development at UCD

The MSc in Sustainable Development at UCD includes a wide range of electives to cover the SDG agenda, such as social justice, climate change, industrial economics, food systems, and public health.

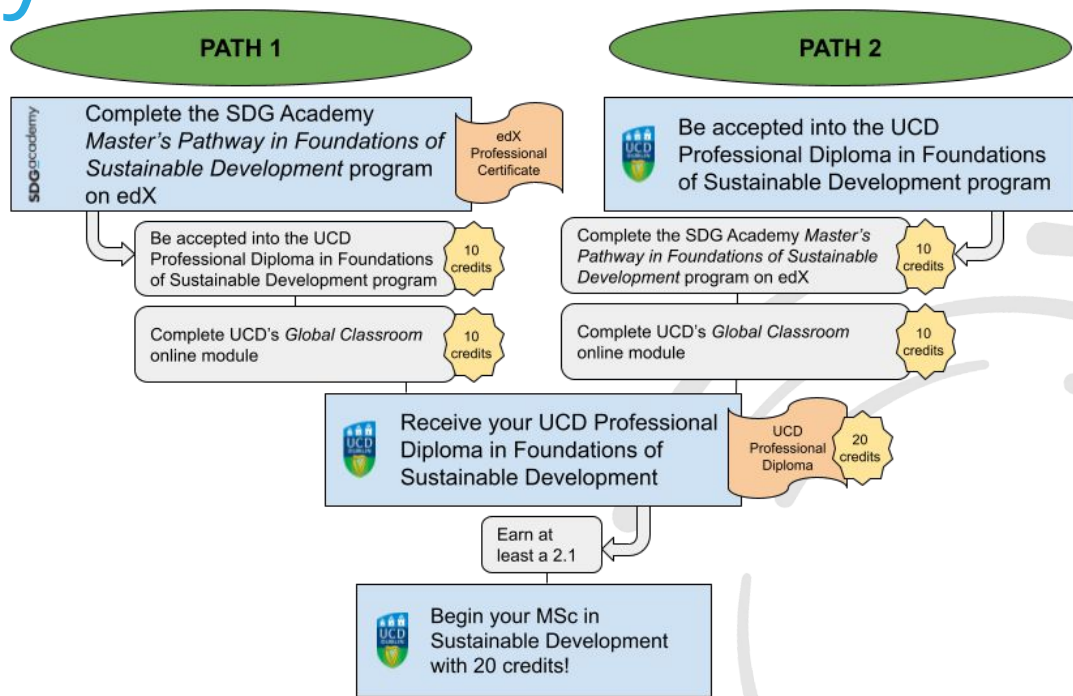
- Duration: 12 months (full-time), 24 months (part-time)
- Graduated: 125
- Jan 2025 cohort: 16
- Student profile: Upskilling professionals from international development, management consulting, academia, etc.
- Geographic target: Europe, Africa, Americas

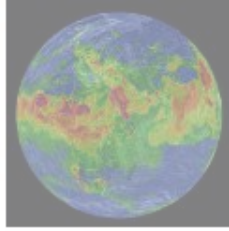


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Master's Pathway

The **Master's Pathway in Foundations of Sustainable Development** is a flexible online program for learners who want to earn academic credit towards the MSc in Sustainable Development at UCD.





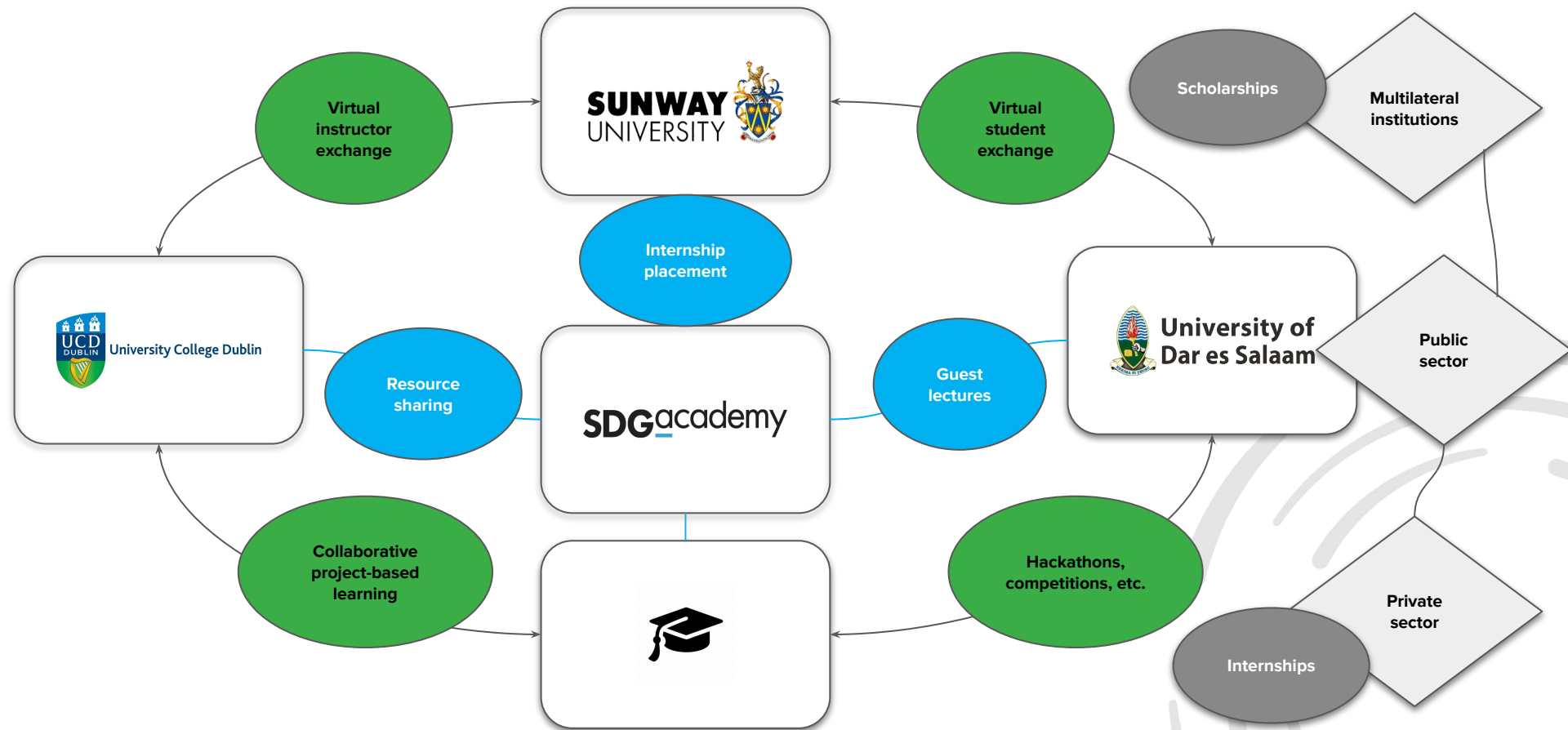
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MA in Sustainable Development at UDSM

The MA in Sustainable Development at UDSM will include a wide range of topics relevant to the development priorities of the region, such as natural resource governance, agriculture, and poverty reduction.

- Duration: 18 months
- Student profile: Upskilling professionals in regional and national policymaking, international development, management consulting, academia, etc.
- Geographic target: Africa
- ***Launching Nov 2025!***

Our Vision: An Ecosystem of Learning





The COVID-19 Pandemic: Virology, Public Health, and Economics

In October/November 2020, Jeffrey Sachs delivered a 12-week virtual course on the COVID-19 pandemic to students from Columbia SIPA, UCD, and Sunway. Students from all three programs were invited to join.

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**THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC:
VIROLOGY, PUBLIC
HEALTH, & ECONOMICS**

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