

SUSTEEMS Course Work

The courses offered to SUSTEEMS PhD students aim at providing advanced knowledge, quantitative and qualitative methods, and management tools to deal with the complexity of research on the multidisciplinary topic of sustainability. They are organized into three levels:

- 1) Courses providing advanced methodological knowledge (joint with other doctoral programmes of the Doctoral School of Social Science);
- 2) Courses providing theoretical knowledge about the three dimensions of sustainability and the tools for sustainable management of natural resources, businesses, institutions and organizations;
- 3) Elective specialized courses, allowing the PhD student to explore their research interests by choosing from the courses offered by the Departments and Centers involved in the programme.

The Doctoral Programme may offer some preparatory courses and 'crash courses' at the beginning of the academic year. The attendance of the above-mentioned courses will be evaluated case by case through individual talks.

Compulsory courses are identified by the Executive Committee and published on the website at the time of the selection call (spring). Calendar and syllabus are published shortly before the starting of the classes.

Elective courses to be proposed are selected at the end of the first semester according to the research interest of the PhD students.

In addition to compulsory and elective courses, an individualized, in-depth work will be offered to each PhD student. This includes seminars, participation in workshops, courses and summer schools offered by the network of partner universities, research centers and higher education consortia in Italy or abroad. Attendance of at least one seminar per month is considered an integral part of the programme requirements. The choice of attending other activities should be discussed with the tutor or the Academic Director.

In the first year PhD students will be required to follow both mandatory and elective courses and pass the exams. In case of failure the exam should be repeated; a single retake is allowed.

Passing all exams is a necessary condition to be admitted to the second year.

For the admission to the second and third year see <https://www.unitn.it/drss/susteems/796/admission-second-and-third-year>