

Goddard College

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GODDARD COLLEGE LAUNCHES NATION'S FIRST LOW-RESIDENCY BA IN SUSTAINABILITY

“This is precisely the right moment to launch a BA in Sustainability,” declared renowned environmentalist and activist Bill McKibben at the launch of the BA in Sustainability Program at Goddard College.

The degree program was born out of student desire and societal need, says Interim Academic Vice President Marianne Reiff. “Our students wanted to make the world a better place. They worked directly with faculty to create a cutting-edge program that’s critically important locally, regionally and globally.”

“Students start by covering the ecological, social, economic, and environmental justice dimensions of sustainability, along with the means to creating a sustainable life,” says Catherine Lowther who spearheaded the program’s design, and who has been a Goddard faculty member for fifteen years. “Students then choose a focus of study in sustainable agriculture, energy, economies or communities. Finally, they develop a hands-on Senior Project. Our students won’t just read about sustainability, they’ll create it!”

“The BA in Sustainability fully engages the head, the heart and the hands,” agrees Ralph Lutts, Goddard faculty of seventeen years. “It blends cognitive academic knowledge with personal responsibility, and allows students to have a positive social and environmental impact.”

The Goddard College BA in Sustainability is open to students who have completed at least 60 credits. Students just starting undergraduate studies can begin in Goddard’s BA in Individualized Studies and then transfer to the BA in Sustainability Program.

“Across the U.S, the wave of sustainability has begun to crest,” said Bill McKibben. “And Vermont – a pioneer in sustainability – is the perfect place from which to begin sending out that message, along with graduates, offering new skills to the rest of America.” For more information, visit www.goddard.edu.