

RESEARCH PARTICIPANT Information Sheet
Aligning SDGs with Sustainability Classes at Purdue
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- You are being asked to participate or be a part of a research study. Your participation is **voluntary** which means that you may choose not to participate at any time.
- This survey is part of a larger campus sustainability self-study project being led by Purdue's Institute for Sustainable Future over the course of this academic year.

The researchers hope to learn more about how courses being taught by faculty at Purdue align with the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. The survey is designed to:

- Provide "ground truth data" to the process by which Purdue regularly assesses the number and type of courses that offer "sustainability focused" or "sustainability supporting" learning objectives as defined by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's STARS reporting;
 - Help develop a more accurate student-focused course listing of such courses regularly offered at Purdue;
 - Initiate a broader discussion of sustainability education at Purdue in the context of current and potential programmatic offerings both in person and online.
- You are being asked to participate because you are currently a faculty member teaching at Purdue's WL campus.
 - You will be asked to take a survey on classes you teach that touch upon issues relating to the UN SDGs.
 - The study will take a total of approximately 5-10 minutes.

Please take time to review the rest of the information. This will give you information about this study to help you decide if you want to participate.

This study is only intended for people who are 18 years of age or older. Do not complete the study if you are not legally considered an adult.

Before agreeing to participate, consider the risks and potential benefits of taking part in this study.

All research carries the risk of breach of confidentiality which means that someone outside of our study could figure out that you were in the study or information was yours. How we will protect your information to reduce this risk is below.

Some questions could make you feel uncomfortable. You can skip any of these questions or stop answering.

It is unlikely that there will be personal benefits to you for participating. Having more information from the answers in this research study might help us or other researchers understand more about how courses relating to sustainability do or do not align with the 17 UN SDGs and how effective keyword searches to identify such courses are for identifying them.

Will I receive payment or other incentive?

You will not be paid for being in this research study.

How will the researchers protect my information, privacy, and confidentiality?

Your personal information may be shared outside the research study if required by law. We also may need to share your research records with other groups for quality assurance or data analysis. These groups include the Purdue University Institutional Review Board or its designees, and state or federal agencies who may need to access the research records (as allowed by law).

Your research information may also be shared with collaborators on this research at Purdue University.

The study team plans to keep answers for this study to answer research questions. We will keep this information until we are done with the study, 12 months, and for at least three years after we are finished. We may share the anonymous data and findings with other researchers or in research papers or presentations.

What are my rights as a research participant in this study?

You do not have to participate in this research project. If you agree to participate, you may withdraw your participation at any time without penalty.

Who can I contact if I have questions about the study?

If you have questions, comments or concerns about this research project, you can talk to one of the researchers. Please contact Lynne Dahmen, ldahmen@purdue.edu

To report anonymously via Purdue’s Hotline, see www.purdue.edu/hotline

If you have questions about your rights while taking part in the study or have concerns about the treatment of research participants, please call the Human Research Protection Program at (765) 494-5942, email (irb@purdue.edu) or write to:

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By checking this box, I agree to take part in this research. I am 18 years of age or older and understand the information above about my participation.