



MLA College
BSc (Hons) GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



About MLA College

MLA College offers a range of Higher Education degree qualifications in Partnership with the [University of Plymouth](#). We offer Bachelor's and Master's degrees via distance learning, with some residential elements, allowing students to obtain a qualification whilst balancing their careers and other life commitments. We are an award winning educational provider with all our degree programmes being fully accredited by the University of Plymouth. All of our Higher Education courses are fully tutor-supported and are designed specifically to meet the needs of industry professionals and employers. In addition to our educational programmes, we also offer technology-enhanced training to both individuals and a number of large organisations.

Our locations

MLA College's main campus is based in Plymouth, Britain's Ocean City. Plymouth is the second largest city in the South West of the United Kingdom, and is surrounded by two National Parks to the north (Exmoor and Dartmoor). To the south lies Plymouth Sound, a bay of the English Channel, which is overlooked by Plymouth Hoe and the famous Smeaton's Tower lighthouse. MLA College also has premises in central London, situated in close proximity to the Houses of Parliament, Westminster and London's thriving South Bank.

Award winning course delivery

Our distance learning Higher Education programmes are studied utilising MLA College's award winning bespoke learning platform, the Total Learning Package (TLP). The TLP works offline, allowing students to study anywhere in the World, regardless of their broadband connection. Our Higher Education courses are fully tutor supported.

More information about how the TLP works can be found in [this video](#).

MLA College training courses are delivered via our app, available for Apple and Android operating systems, as well as via our online learner portal. More information about our training courses is available on [our website](#).



Programme outline

The [UN Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) were adopted by all Member States in 2015 and provide a roadmap to achieving a "better and more sustainable future for all" by 2030. The SDGs seek to balance out the needs of nations to develop their societies against the concerns for the natural world which, perhaps, previous episodes of resource exploitation have overlooked.

MLA College's innovative [BSc \(Hons\) Global Sustainable Development](#) programme is developed in collaboration with the **United Nations Institute for Training and Research affiliated International Training Center for Authorities and Leaders, CIFAL Istanbul**. The programme follows a pathway of activity that inculcates high expectations of study and research practice, leverages the power of open source solutions to allow those less economically able to participate in the understanding of their world, and then takes those lessons back out into their local communities to help them deliver, in ways small or large, against the UN SDGs.

The programme is designed across three levels, delivered through blended learning:

Level four: Full-time residential

Addresses the fundamentals of sustainability, as well as some of the core principles that help students understand **social science, economic** and **environmental processes**.

At the same time, a closer learner-tutor relationship will help embed expectations regarding study and research behaviour, allow international students the chance to improve both their academic and social English and create a learning community which will foster relationships that can act as a support mechanism in future years. All modules are compulsory.

Level five: Part-time/full-time distance learning

Students start to integrate concepts identified in the previous Level, arguing that understanding sustainability requires an appreciation of how various areas of expertise work together in solving problems. This level is very much about current thinking and practices in sustainability. Students take two of the three available pathways; **Economy-Society; Environment-Society** or **Economy-Environment**.

Level six: Part-time/full-time distance learning

Focusing on putting expertise into practice and investigating emergent ideas in sustainability. Taking SDG 17 as its starting point, and seeing this as a potential unifying theme or solution, students will spend part of the final level working within communities, developing and delivering, by partnership, against their own chosen range of SDG's. Students will understand the processes of planning, benchmarking, monitoring, evaluation and project management in delivering sustainability projects. Students will be mentored by tutors, delivering a variety of reports, both research based and reflective, which document the progress and results of their community-based project.

The level finishes with each student selecting one SDG and producing an exposition which takes the ideas developed throughout the course to predict how progress against that SDG will look by 2030 and how that Goal will develop beyond this date.





The MLA College commitment is to:

- Deliver outstanding flexible education and training.
- Promote the conservation and sustainable use of the environment for the advancement of the global community.
- Develop people who are committed to values that benefit humanity.



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