

SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATE

shaping a sustainable future



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KEY FACTS

Who is the Certificate in Sustainability for?

The certificate is aimed at all **students** of the HTW Berlin.

What do I get out of it?

It offers an additional qualification in the field of sustainable development.

All individual activities are listed on the Sustainability Certificate.

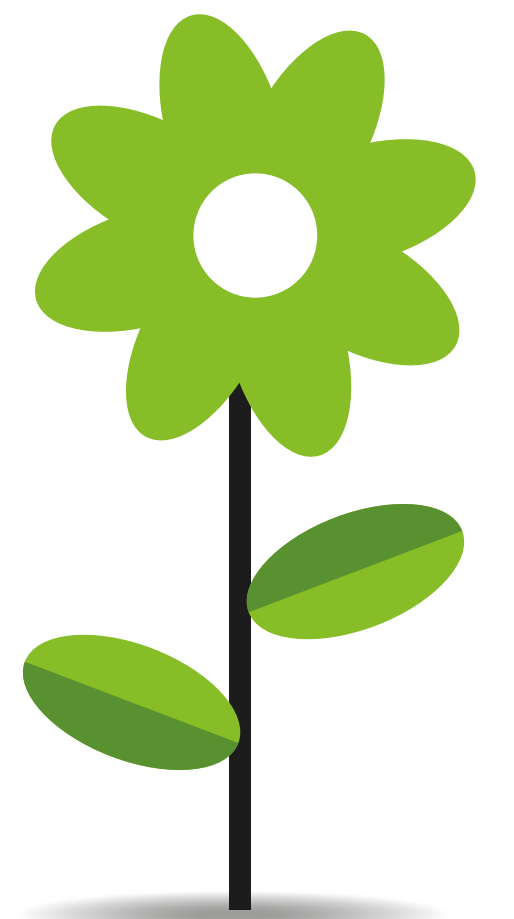
How do I get the certificate?

To receive the certificate, students must attend the introductory event and complete two of the three components.

Previously completed modules can often be credited.

Where can I enrol?

If you are interested or have any questions, students can send an email to nachhaltigkeit-lehre@htw-berlin.de





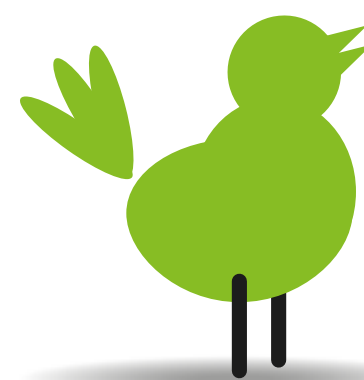
What is Education for Sustainable Development?

Sustainability affects all aspects of our daily lives. It is present in areas such as mobility, nutrition, fashion, and the energy transition.



The concept of sustainable development has been integral to politics and society since the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro. Responding to global challenges such as climate change, social injustice, and economic disparities is crucial.

Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) offers a holistic approach to teaching and learning, enabling everyone to participate in social transformation processes and take responsibility for their actions. We create spaces where we actively develop and shape sustainable solutions for current ecological, social, and economic challenges. ESD contributes actively to implementing the **United Nations' Agenda 2030's 17 Sustainable Development Goals**.



The Sustainability Certificate at HTW Berlin allows students to develop individual skills in the context of sustainable development. The program does not lead to an academic degree but concludes with a certificate. **By completing this voluntary additional achievement, students demonstrate their commitment beyond their Bachelor's or Master's degree program.**

The sustainability certificate links to the degree programme that the students are enrolled in and expands upon it.

Who is addressed by the certificate?

The Sustainability Certificate at HTW Berlin is available to **all students**, regardless of their degree programme or subject area. It provides an opportunity to enhance knowledge and skills in sustainable development. Prior knowledge is not necessary to register for the certificate programme.

To register, simply send an email to:

nachhaltigkeit-lehre@htw-berlin.de

Students can submit evidence they have already collected for each component or a statement of interest.



How is the certificate programme structured?

The Sustainability Certificate consists of three components. The programme promotes a deeper understanding of sustainability issues by closely linking theory and practice.

Students attend a compulsory introductory event, called the **Intro**, at the beginning of the certificate programme. Additionally, two further modules must be selected from components I, II and III.



INTRO

The introductory course offers fundamental interdisciplinary knowledge on sustainable development. Students can choose between attending a **Sustainability Workshop** or participating in the annual **Sustainability Conference** as an introduction.

The Sustainability Workshop takes place during the orientation week for first-year students at the beginning of each semester, in the first week of April and October. Students acquire fundamental and interdisciplinary knowledge on sustainable development.

They deepen their understanding of its historical development and learn key terms, including the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations. Additionally, students learn about sustainability strategies such as sufficiency, efficiency, and consistency, and can identify examples of each strategy. During the workshop, students learn about opportunities to get involved at the university, such as student initiatives and ongoing research projects.

HTW Berlin's annual Sustainability Conference is a university-wide, interdisciplinary networking event held in April. Students, academic staff, and professors present teaching concepts and research projects related to sustainable development, providing insights into the university's thematic diversity. Attending the conference can also count towards an Intro recognition.



Component I

Component I involves participation in an existing course programme at the HTW Berlin that focuses on or is related to sustainability.

Courses with a **sustainability focus** provide a basic knowledge of sustainable development, focusing in particular on topics related to the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. Teaching methods are used that encourage critical reflection on sustainability issues and promote sustainable thinking and action.

A course is considered to be **related to sustainability** if at least one teaching unit deals with aspects of the UN Sustainable Development Goals or offers students the opportunity to deal with these aspects independentl.

The **modules that can be recognised for Component I are published on the Sustainability Certificate website**. Modules from the programme in which the student is regularly enrolled can be counted towards the Certificate.

In addition, students can choose modules from other degree programmes that can be credited to the certificate, subject to availability and in accordance with the enrolment regulations of the HTW Berlin. Modules from the area of **Supplementary Modules (AWE)** are particularly suitable.

A module is considered to have been successfully completed if the regular examinations defined here have been passed. As the Certificate in Sustainability is not a degree programme, a completed course/examination can be credited both to the Bachelor's or Master's degree programme for which the student is enrolled and to the Certificate in Sustainability.





Component II

Students who are regularly involved in a student initiative at the HTW Berlin can have this commitment recognised for the Sustainability Certificate.

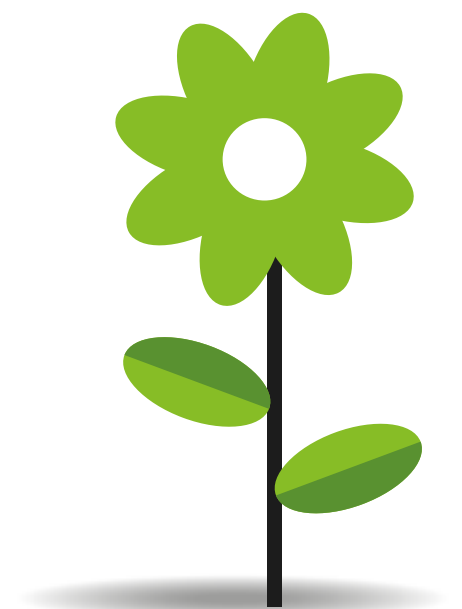
Examples of student initiatives such as the House of Transformation, einleuchtend e.V., Transform it! or Studis for Future can be found on the Sustainability Certificate website. **Regular participation in a student initiative for at least one semester must be demonstrated in order to receive credit.**

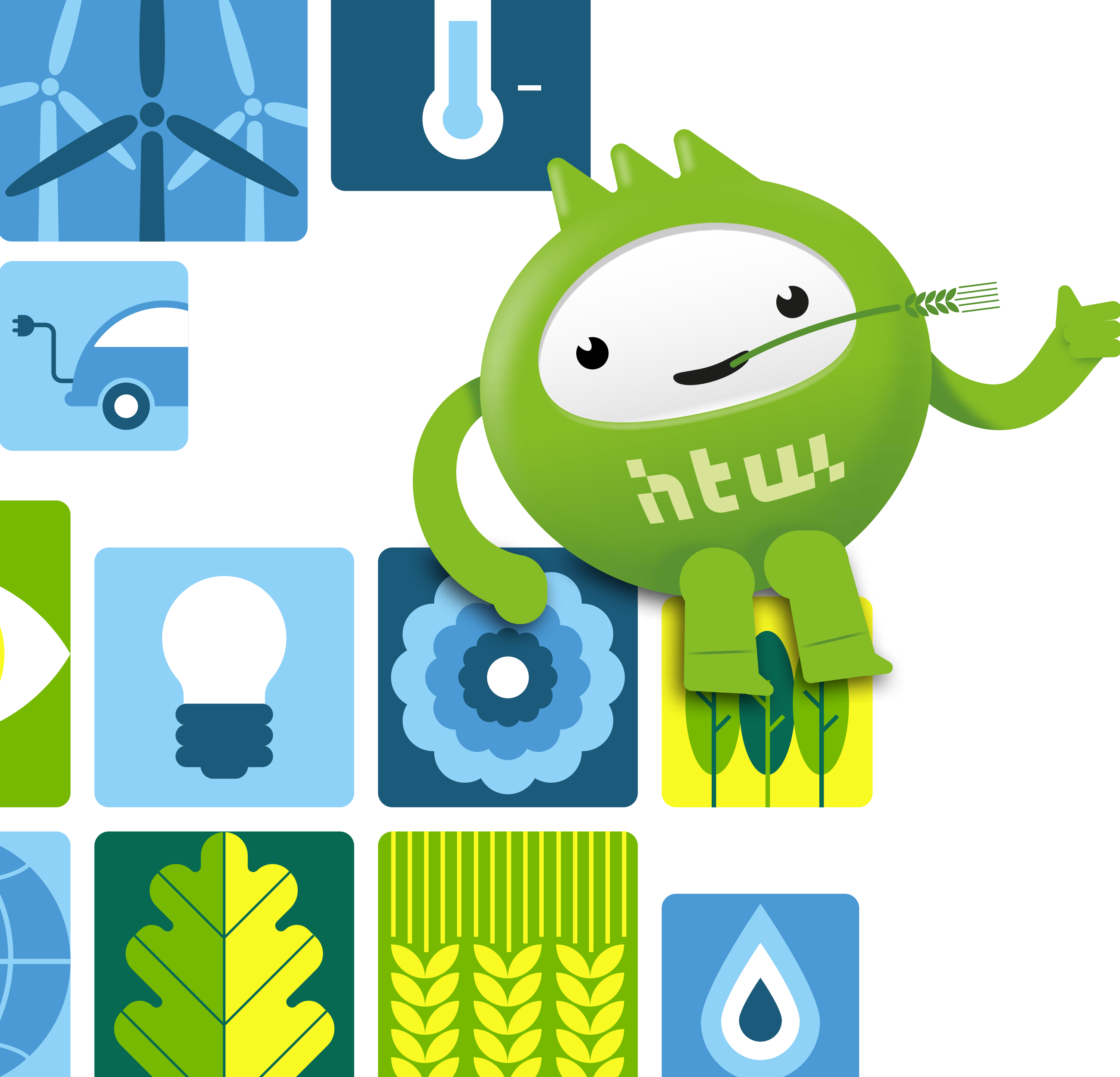


Component III

Students can also have their extra-curricular activities recognised for the Sustainability Certificate.

For Component III, **students must also demonstrate regular involvement for at least one semester.**





How can I get the certificate?

When students successfully complete the introductory module and two of the three components described above, they will submit the relevant evidence by email to:

nachhaltigkeit-lehre@htw-berlin.de

The evidence is then reviewed by the Sustainability Certificate Advisory Board. Once students have successfully completed the certificate programme, they will receive their personal Sustainability Certificate, which is issued by the Certificate Advisory Board and the Vice President for Studies, Teaching and International Affairs.

If you have any questions about the certificate, please contact:

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