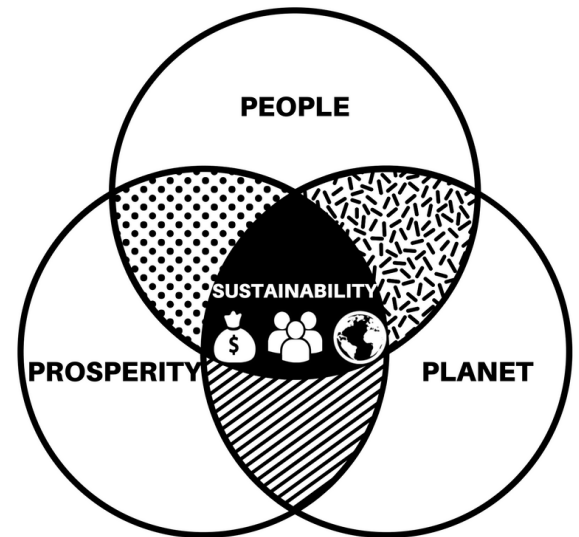


# Sustainable Living Learning Community Syllabus 2024-2025

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The Sustainable Living Learning Community (SLLC) at Elon University, located on the first floor of Kivette in the Colonnades Neighborhood, provides a dedicated space for students to explore sustainability topics and their individual roles in addressing sustainability challenges. Through monthly discussions and active participation in campus and community events, students will expand their knowledge of the environmental, social, and economic impacts of individual actions, as well as explore the systemic changes needed to address the climate crisis.



The SLLC aims to foster a deeper understanding of sustainability and its intersections with social justice. Students will have the opportunity to develop their personal definition of sustainability and gain insights into how sustainability practices can contribute to a more equitable and just society.

Within the SLLC, students will benefit from the support and guidance of their peers and mentors. Through this network, they will be empowered to make informed choices and cultivate impactful habits in their personal lives. By encouraging critical thinking, the SLLC will equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to address sustainability challenges and contribute to a more sustainable future.

## Goals of the community are:

1. Foster a sense of community among students by organizing engaging activities, group discussions, and collaborative projects that center around sustainable living.
2. Promote critical thinking and awareness about sustainability by organizing field trips, screening documentaries, and facilitating discussions that encourage students to explore and analyze pressing environmental issues.
3. Empower students to embrace sustainability in their personal and professional lives by cultivating a supportive environment that holds each other accountable to high standards of sustainable practices and behavior.
4. Facilitate connections for students to both on- and off-campus sustainability opportunities to provide hands-on experiences that deepen their understanding of sustainability and its real-world applications.

### **Engaged students will:**

- **Apply systems thinking to sustainability issues:** Students will develop a comprehensive understanding of the interconnectedness of environmental, social, and economic systems, enabling them to analyze sustainability challenges holistically.
- **Adopt three new sustainable habits:** Students will actively seek to incorporate sustainable habits into their daily lives, such as reducing single-use plastic consumption, practicing energy conservation, implementing responsible waste management, or adopting sustainable transportation options. By setting specific goals, students will contribute to their personal sustainability journey.
- **Form connections with peers and hold each other accountable:** Students will build meaningful connections with their peers within the learning community, creating a supportive network to encourage and hold each other accountable for sustainable behaviors. This peer support system will foster a culture of sustainability and motivate students to maintain their commitments to sustainable living.
- **Increase sustainable behaviors through peer influence:** Students will actively engage in discussions, share knowledge, and exchange experiences related to sustainability, inspiring and motivating each other to increase their sustainable behaviors. By leveraging the power of peer influence, students will collectively drive positive change and foster a culture of sustainability within and beyond the learning community.

### **Expectations for students in the sustainable living learning community at Elon University:**

- **Adopt at least three new behaviors that support sustainable living:** Students are expected to actively incorporate sustainable practices into their daily lives. This may include reducing waste, conserving energy and water, utilizing sustainable transportation options, supporting local and organic food sources, or engaging in responsible consumer choices.
- **Participate in campus-wide sustainability initiatives:** Students are encouraged to actively engage in sustainability-focused events and initiatives organized by the university, such as Earth Week, Don't Trash It, or other campus-wide sustainability activities. By participating, students contribute to creating a more sustainable campus community.
- **Attend the monthly SLLC meeting:** Students are expected to attend the regular meetings of the sustainable living learning community. These meetings provide a platform for sharing ideas, updates, and opportunities related to sustainability, and offer a space for collaboration and collective decision-making.
- **Participate in at least one SLLC experience each month:** Students are encouraged to actively engage in at least one experience or activity organized by the sustainable living learning community each month. These experiences may include workshops, field trips, guest speaker events, service projects, or other sustainability-focused activities that enhance their learning and practical engagement with sustainability topics.

By fulfilling these expectations, students will actively contribute to the development of a sustainable living learning community and demonstrate their commitment to sustainable living both within and beyond the campus environment.

## Mark your Calendar!

Below is an outline of meeting dates and SLLC Experiences. Students in the SLLC will determine and coordinate the SLLC experiences for the spring semester. The advisor can offer suggestions and help with logistics if transportation or fees are involved.

### AUGUST

**August 26@ 6:30 pm** - LLC Kick-Off (McKinnon Hall)

**August 30 @ 2-4 pm** - Planting for the Planet (Elon Community Garden)

### SEPTEMBER

**September TBD** - LLC Meeting (Kivette Classroom)

**September 5 @ 4:30 pm** – Elon Farmer’s Market (Walk from Kivette)

**September 7 @ 9 am** – Rise Against Hunger (Alumni Gym) – Registration Required

**September 16 @ 6:30-7 pm** – Sustainable Alumni Speaker Series (virtual)

**September 20 @ 2-6 pm** – Sustainable Leadership Program (LaRose Commons 201) [Registration Required](#)

### OCTOBER

**October TBD-** LLC Meeting (Kivette Classroom)

**October 3 @ 8 pm** – Stargazing for Mental Health (Daniel Commons)

**October TBD** - Sustainable Living Lesson (Kivette Classroom)

**October 14-18** - Campus Sustainability Week

**October 15 – 7:30-8:30 pm** – Campus Sustainability Week Keynote (McKinnon Hall)

**October 17 @ TBD** – Herbalist Demonstration (EcoVillage)

### NOVEMBER

**November TBD** – LLC Meeting (Kivette Classroom)

**November 9 from 12-4 pm** – Hiking at Saxapahaw and dinner

### December

**December TBD**– End of Semester Celebration

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

