Harvard Extension School
HARVARD DIVISION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

ALM in Sustainability
- Capstone track
- Thesis track

37 AVERAGE AGE

Age Breakdown
- <30: 28%
- 31-40: 36%
- 41+: 36%

306 DEGREE CANDIDATES

REASONS FOR PURSUING THE DEGREE

- Career Change: 41%
- Career Advancement: 28%
- Deepen Expertise: 25%
- Personal Enrichment: 6%

WHILE EARNING THE DEGREE
- 22% Live in MA
- 60% Live Outside MA
- 18% Live Outside the U.S.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

- Corporate Sustainability and Innovation
- Environmental Policy and International Development
- Sustainable Cities and Communities
- Natural Resource Management and Sustainable
- Sustainable Food Systems

AVG # OF COURSES TAKEN PER SEMESTER

Data pertains to academic year 2020-21
77% of students are employed full time while earning this degree.

**Percentage of degree candidates who have professional experience in the field:** 40%

**Average time to graduation:** 5 years

**Graduation rate:** 90%

98% of recent graduates would recommend the program.

**Select job titles held by our graduates:**
- Life Sciences Director
- Sustainability Manager
- Climate Change Adviser
- Energy Strategy Manager
- Middle School Science Teacher
- Environmental Analyst

**Where graduates have gone on to continue their studies:**
- Boston University
- Cambridge College
- Harvard University T.H. Chan School of Public Health
- Tufts University Medical School

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MEET ALM IN SUSTAINABILITY GRADUATE, JOCELYN GROOM

Job title prior to HES: Head of Exhibitions, Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum

Current job title: Consultant

How has earning a degree from HES helped you professionally?

As a career changer, a degree from HES will demonstrate that you are serious about your new career. Students at HES are given prestigious opportunities such as being recruited for the Environmental Defense Fund Climate Corps Fellowship. I learned about this Fellowship when I was a student at HES and went on to become one of the first students in my program to be awarded an EDF Climate Corps Fellowship. The Fellowship was also instrumental in transitioning my career into sustainability, because it enabled me to do research for Enterprise Community Partners in their green building certification program for national affordable housing across the nation, where I am still working as a consultant.

Did you earn a graduate certificate?

Yes, in Environmental Policy and International Development.

Most helpful resource at HES:

I was grateful for the support of the librarians in my academic research. They are a wonderful resource!

Advice for prospective or current degree candidates:

Enjoy the process! Being admitted to HES is an honor and a privilege. The work will be hard, but it will be rewarding. Be sure to engage as much as possible by getting to campus if you are a remote student, and in particular by creating professional connections with your professors, as these connections can extend beyond your experience as a student and help support you in your new career.

Learn more at extension.harvard.edu
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