



SUSTAINABILITY

## 2014 Sustainability Department Inventory

As part of the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Ratings System (STARS), through the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), Wartburg College completed an inventory of which departments provide sustainability related or focused courses in January 2014. Following are the findings.

Course connection to sustainability was evaluated using the Wartburg College definition of Sustainability: *The responsible utilization of resources (natural, manufactured and economic) in a fashion that minimizes as much as possible the impacts on the environment and socio-economic parameters. This pattern of use will allow the availability of limited resources for future generations as well as help promote healthier socio-economic conditions.*

### Sustainability-Focused Courses

The courses concentrate on the concept of sustainability, including its social, economic, and environmental dimensions, or examine an issue or topic using sustainability as a lens.

*4 departments offered 9 courses, 19 times, during the 12-13 and 13-14 academic years.*

Biology  
Business Administration  
Chemistry and Engineering  
Social Sciences

### Sustainability-Related Courses

The courses incorporate sustainability as a distinct course component or module or concentrate on a single sustainability principle or issue.

*9 departments offered 58 courses, 199 times, during the 12-13 and 13-14 academic years.*

Business Administration  
Biology  
Chemistry and Engineering  
Communication Arts  
Health & Physical Education  
History  
Math, Computer Science, and Physics  
Religion & Philosophy  
Social Sciences

The following 5 departments do not offer any sustainability related or focused courses.

Art  
Education  
English and Modern Languages  
Music  
Social Work