

**Module 1: Sustainability Introduction (WEEKS 2-3)**

The best-known definition of sustainable development is from the Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development: Our Common Future popularly known as 'The Brundtland Report' and is most commonly quoted as follows: 'Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.'

Overview...

What is sustainability? What is its history? Let's define and answer these questions and learn how to openly and effectively discuss where we are today with sustainability from a multi-disciplinary perspective.

Objectives...

- Review the history, and the different types of sustainability; economic, social, and environmental.
- Participate and discuss sustainability, as it relates to our environment/community, from a multidisciplinary approach.
- Learn how to fully navigate UA Library systems
- Develop the ability to reflect and articulate the basics of sustainability.

**WATCH, REVIEW & COMPLETE ASSIGNMENT...**

This assignment will teach you how to navigate and utilize the University of Alabama Library Systems... you will use these systems throughout this class...

1. Go to <http://guides.lib.ua.edu/HES2xx> (see [guides.lib.ua.edu/hes103](http://guides.lib.ua.edu/hes103) for example); A Guide to Using the Library.
2. Watch the video and review the website's contents and links.
3. Download and complete/answer the questions regarding the use of the library and upload your responses onto Blackboard, [Using the University of Alabama Library.docx](#), appendix 3.

**WATCH...**

The following Ted Talk on Sustainability

[https://www.ted.com/talks/alex\\_steffen\\_sees\\_a\\_sustainable\\_future](https://www.ted.com/talks/alex_steffen_sees_a_sustainable_future)

**READ...**

The following articles on the history of sustainability

[https://www.huffingtonpost.com/lance-hosey/a-brief-history-of-sustain b\\_12787800.html](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/lance-hosey/a-brief-history-of-sustain b_12787800.html)

... and...

<https://www.nap.edu/read/13152/chapter/4>

**REVIEW...**

The following SlideShare presentation

<https://www.slideshare.net/UjjwalDatta/introduction-to-sustainability-45073736>

**WATCH AND PARTICIPATE** in online discussion... through FlipGrid.

Watch the following YouTube video on how to participate in our FlipGrid discussion...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpcKMv0kbJs>



- Record at least a 3-minute video discussing your understanding of the video and readings for this module... the topic is Sustainability.
  - Video must be engaging and reflective of the module information, with your take...
- Respond to at least 5 other's videos...

**WRITE Reflective Journal 1...** [click here for rubric, appendix 4 ...](#)

Learning through reflecting on experience is the center of this course, and faculty guide students as they integrate intellectual knowledge with online community experience through the process of *reflection... journaling...* this journal should be reflective of your learning of sustainability in general through this module...

- Describe what you *learned*.
- What did you *see* or observe through others?
- How did you *feel* about the subject?
- What *connections* do you find between personal experience and *course readings*?
- What new *ideas* or *insights* did you gain?