



## UP Open University • Faculty of Management and Development Studies **DOCTOR IN SUSTAINABILITY**

The Doctor in Sustainability (DSus) is a professional doctorate program that aims to produce graduates who can develop research-based solutions to persistent sustainability challenges. It will address the need for professionals with advanced academic training who are expected to develop transformative research approaches to address wicked problems based on practical issues in their profession.

The DSus will marry the theoretical frameworks from academic community and the practical knowledge and experiences. By providing a shared learning environment for the practitioners and academics working on sustainability, this program shall allow for co-design and co-creation of knowledge that promotes partnerships and collaborative action not only in academic courses but also in actual application in the field through their dissertation.

### Program Goals

The Doctor in Sustainability program aims to develop graduates who are able to:

- Demonstrate highly advanced systematic knowledge and skills in highly specialized and/or complex interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary field of learning;
- Utilize of complex research/creative work and/or professional practice and/or the advancement of learning with full independence in individual work and/or in teams of interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary setting;
- Apply a more complex setting that demands leadership in research and creative work with strategic value added; and
- Apply a significant level of expertise-based autonomy and accountability to professional leadership for innovation, research, and/or development management in highly specialized or interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary fields.
- Evaluate the complexity of sustainability issues and challenges in institutional, local, national, regional and global settings from the lenses of sustainability concepts and frameworks;
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### Admission Procedures

**Step 1:** Apply for admission and upload the admission requirements through the Online Application System. Monitor the progress of your application through the OAS.



**Step 2:** As soon as the online application is accomplished, mail the complete and valid admission documents to the address below:



The Admission Section  
Office of the University Registrar  
UP Open University  
Los Baños, Laguna 4031  
Philippines

Refer to the UPOU Academic Calendar for the deadline for submission of application documents.

**Step 3:** If required, take the admission exam. The details of and instructions for taking the exam will be emailed by admissions.



**Step 4:** Complete the DE Readiness Module (DERM). The link to the DERM will be emailed by admissions.



**Step 5:** Wait for an email from the OUR for the admission results. Results of the evaluation will be released after the evaluation of the respective Admissions Committee and before the registration/enrollment period of the applied term.



### Mode of Instruction

All courses are taught online following the principles of guided independent study and collaborative inquiry.