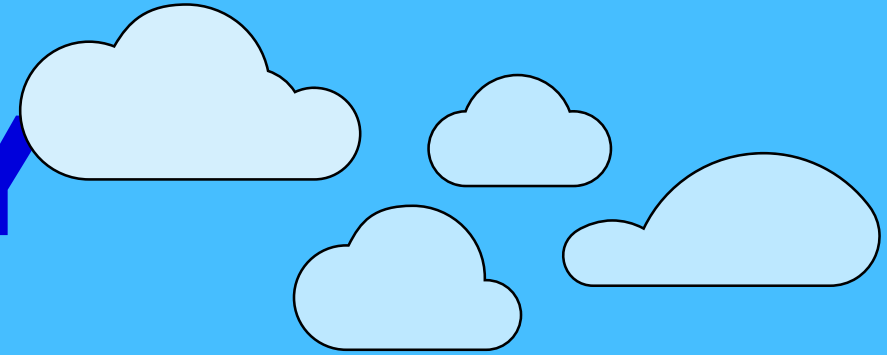


AGENDA 25

# UNIVERSITY SUMMER PROGRAM

## RETHINKING SUSTAINABILITY

Monday 7 July – Friday 18 July



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## WEEK 1

Mon

### Course Introduction and Goal Setting

Focus: Introducing participants to sustainability issues, laying out the learning path for the course, and developing a personal framework for success. The focus at this point is also about creating psychological safety in the group through ice-breakers and teambuilding activities around these issues.

Skills Developed: Self-awareness, emotional intelligence, reflection, and goal-setting.

Tue

### Critical Thinking Models for Problem Solving

Focus: Teaching students to think critically and avoid cognitive traps, empowering them to assess sustainability challenges in innovative and multifaceted ways.

Skills Developed: Analytical thinking, identifying and challenging biases, structured problem-solving.

Wed

### Gamified Environmental Crisis Simulation

Focus: Simulating the complexities of real-world environmental decision-making, with a focus on balancing competing interests and building cooperative solutions.

Skills Developed: Collaboration, strategic thinking, negotiation, systems thinking.

Thu

### Complex Adaptive Systems and Sustainability

Focus: Exploring the behavior of complex systems and their impact on sustainability, helping students grasp the challenges and opportunities of working within these systems.

Skills Developed: Systems thinking, analytical reasoning, adaptability.

Fri

### Design Thinking for Climate Solutions

Focus: Teaching students how to generate solutions through a structured design process, emphasizing empathy and creativity in tackling complex climate problems.

Skills Developed: Creativity, empathy, problem-solving, innovation.

WEEK 2

Mon

**Group Problem-Solving within the Design Framework**

Focus: Applying creative techniques to develop solutions for the local community, fostering teamwork and cross-functional collaboration.

Skills Developed: Creative collaboration, empathy, stakeholder analysis, iterative problem-solving.

Tue

**Pitching Sustainability Solutions**

Focus: Teaching participants how to influence stakeholders and pitch sustainability solutions persuasively and empathetically.

Skills Developed: Persuasion, public speaking, empathy, strategic communication.

Wed

**Negotiation and Consensus Building**

Focus: Practicing negotiation techniques to reach consensus on sustainability issues, balancing diverse stakeholder interests.

Skills Developed: Negotiation, conflict resolution, stakeholder management, influence.

Thu

**Creating a Personal Sustainability Roadmap**

Focus: Helping students create practical, individualized plans for contributing to sustainability after the course concludes.

Skills Developed: Strategic planning, self-reflection, goal-setting, personal accountability.

Fri

**Final Presentations and Commitments to Change + Graduation**

Focus: Bringing all elements of the course together in final presentations, with an emphasis on making personal commitments to create positive change in the world.