WELCOME TO SERVE-LEARN-SUSTAIN (SLS)

GEORGIA TECH’S QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN (QEP) LAUNCHED IN JANUARY 2016
WHAT DOES SLS DO?

SLS works with all six colleges to offer students opportunities inside and outside the classroom to collaborate with diverse partners - across the community, nonprofit, government, academic, and business sectors - on key sustainability challenges.

Through SLS, students learn to use the knowledge and skills they are acquiring at GT to help “create sustainable communities.”
SLS offers 6 signature programs with different levels of commitment:

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SLS PROGRAMS

We also offer these additional courses and programs:

Affiliated Courses
SLS Foundation Courses
Study Abroad
SLS approaches sustainability:

- as an *Integrated System*
- with a special focus on *Society/Social Sustainability*
SLS programs focus on these priority sustainable communities issues:

- Community Health
- Equitable & Sustainable Development
- Green Infrastructure
- Climate Change & Energy
We work with communities as *collaborators*, rather than clients.
OUR PARTNERSHIP PRINCIPLES

1. Start with assets
2. Focus on equity and justice
3. Champion systems change
4. Support community innovators
5. Prioritize process before outcomes
6. Contribute to the neighborhood
7. Apply technology in social context

SLS 2019 Partnership Advisory Council
Read the SLS Partnership Strategy
SLS approaches technology:

- as a tool to support community visions that benefit society and nature
THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE & NATURE FLOURISH

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<td>Address basic needs and advance equity</td>
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WE AIM TO:
ACT LOCAL TO ACHIEVE A GLOBAL VISION – UN SDGS
Atticus Lemahieu, EnvE, 2021

“I’ve been interested in sustainability since I was a kid, so I’m so fortunate to be a part of a team that strives to make an impact towards a more sustainable future not only on the Georgia Tech campus but also in the surrounding area.”

• Fall 2017– Learns about SLS in GT1000 affiliated course, attends SLS sponsored events
• Spring 2018- Joins SLS as student Assistant, continues coursework in SLS affiliated courses, attends SLS sponsored events
• AY2018 and Beyond- SLS Student Assistant
• Fall 2019/Spring 2020 – SLS Student Fellow
• Summer 2020 – SLS Internship
• Career Interests- Sustainable design, agricultural bioengineering
Michelle Henriques, CEE, 2019

- **Fall 2015**: English 1101 “Art of Advertising”
  Course: Service learning course where my group worked with the Center for Serve-Learn-Sustain to create a marketing strategy
- **Spring 2016**: took SLS foundation course GT 2803 “Introduction to Sustainable Systems and Communities” and SLS affiliated English 1102 “Ecomedia”
- **February 2016**: Began working at SLS as student assistant; developed SLS social media and newsletter strategy
- **October 2017**: Attended AASHE conference with SLS as co-presenter
- **Spring 2018**: take SLS Study Abroad course “Sustainable Transportation Abroad” as well as EAS 2640 “Environmental Measures”
- **AY2018 and Beyond**: continue working to build SLS on campus and personally get more deeply involved with a sustainability related project or research on campus
- **Career Interest**: Incorporate my love for transportation systems, cities, and sustainability

“Being involved with Serve-Learn-Sustain since the beginning of my Georgia Tech experience has been a blessing. Academically it has opened my eyes to the direction I want to take my civil engineering degree in. Beyond my studies – learning about, promoting, and being involved in all the different sustainability initiatives on campus from courses to projects to events gives me so much pride in the direction Georgia Tech is going and further motivates me to keep building the campus sustainability community.”
Mira Kaufman, PUBP, 2021

“SLS allows me to learn about and become directly engaged in issues that interest me. I appreciate the unique, hands on opportunities SLS provides for the community.”

- **Summer 2017**: Participates in EngageATL
- **Fall 2017**: Becomes interested in SLS affiliated study abroad program Sustainable Development and Climate Change in Venice, Italy
- **Spring 2018**: Starts working as SLS student assistant
- **Summer 2018 and beyond**: Goes to Italy with Sustainable Development and Climate Change program, works as assistant, plans to pursue minor in Sustainable Cities
- **Summer 2019 and Summer 2020** – SLS Internship program
- **Career Interest**: Urban planning, focusing on food systems
Adair Garrett, CEE, 2021

“Serve-Learn-Sustain has been the perfect opportunity for me to expand my passion for sustainability in academic settings and beyond. I believe the SLS is the first step in creating a more environmentally-focused Georgia Tech community.”

- **Spring 2016** – Takes part in a Serve-Learn-Sustain internship in high school
- **Fall 2017** – Enters Georgia Tech as a freshmen; contacts SLS to become more involved
- **Winter 2018** – Signs up for first SLS-affiliated class, Urban Ecology
- **Spring 2018** – Starts working as SLS Student Assistant
- **Summer 2018** – Writes first draft of SLS Fellowship program
- **Summer 2019: SLS Internship Program**
- **Ongoing**– Leads SLS Student Fellows Program, completes Sustainable Cities minor, incorporates sustainable development in small towns
Kat Matthews, Marketing/ID Minor, 2019

“As a transfer student to Tech, I never thought that this is where my path would take me. This past year, I have been learned so many new things about sustainability and its impact on others. I look forward to continuing this journey, and using my design skills to share this knowledge with others.”

• Spring 2017: Participates on Alternative Service Break trip working with Habitat for Humanity in Wilmington, NC
• Summer 2017: Works at OmniMax International as a marketing intern and completes extensive research on living walls and the trend of sustainability
• Fall 2017: Takes Sustainable Marketing with Dionne Nickerson where we visited Global Growers and the Nature Conservancy
• Spring 2018: Began working as visual designer for SLS
• 2018 and Beyond: Continue to become more involved with SLS through events and activities
• Career Interest: Integrate my design skills, knowledge of marketing, and interest in sustainability to educate others
Visit the SLS website: www.serve-learn-sustain.gatech.edu

Subscribe to the SLS email list: http://sls.gatech.edu/mailing-list/register

Contact us – we’d love to talk to you! serve-learn-sustain@gatech.edu
Thank you for joining our session! Be sure to check out the other great orientation sessions The Office of Undergraduate Education (OUE) is offering this week:

**January 13**
10-11AM | How to be a Successful Georgia Tech Student  
11:30AM-12PM | Creating Sustainable Communities at Georgia Tech  
12-1PM | Undergraduate Academics Faculty Panel  
1-1:30PM | Find Out How the Career Center Can Help You Connect with Your Future

**January 14**
11-11:30AM | Navigating Academic Resources @ Tech—Tutoring & PLUS  
11:30AM-12PM | Innovation & Entrepreneurship

**January 15**
10-11AM | Never Too Early Explore—Grad School, Health Professions, Fellowships, K-12 Education  
11:30AM-12PM | Undergraduate Research  
1-2PM | Summer Semester 101—Classes, Minors, & More!

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