



SCA Sustainability Intermediate Course Outline

Venue Requirements: All participants must have access to reliable high-speed internet in a quiet space without ambient noise (i.e. not in a roastery or café, or driving). Headsets are recommended. All participants are expected to keep people, pets, and other household members and/or work colleagues out of sight and sound range for the duration of each class session. Students are expected to treat each class session as a “live course” and be prepared to take notes on paper as the sound of typing can be distracting. Students should arrive at least 5 minutes before the start of the first class session, and at least 2 minutes before the start of the last three classes. Finally, participants should prepare their coffee or take their bathroom breaks before the start of each class session. There will be a 5-minute break during each class.

SCA Coffee Sustainability Program: Intermediate Course	
Course hours	16 hours minimum, including 8 hours of class time and an expected 8 hours or more of independent student work (includes exam time)
Course aims	<p>The Intermediate course builds on concepts introduced in Foundation and provides more instruction about the history of sustainability. The goal of the course is to develop each student’s ability to analyze and interpret a variety of sustainability projects at various parts of the value chain. After completing the Intermediate Level, students will be able to articulate and analyze different definitions of sustainability, resilience, and sustainable development. They will also be able to better assess and critically analyze a) the major issues facing specialty coffee in the twenty-first century and b) a variety of sustainability goals, practices, and measures of success.</p> <p>At the Intermediate Level, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enlarge their exposure to different sustainability approaches in the value chain, leading to a deeper understanding of the defining issues in several parts of the chain;• Obtain an enriched understanding of collective action and the platforms that exist to collaborate, leverage resources, and share results;• Assess case studies and sustainability research, projects, plans and/or business decisions;• Develop a preliminary plan to move forward on a sustainability initiative within their own context.

Class Session	Course Outline
First Class Session (2 hours)	-Introduction to the course -Review of Foundation and industry facts and figures -Introduction to the concept of resilience -History of sustainability and international development -Wrap-up of first session
Second Class Session (2 hours)	-Recap of session 1 -Introduction to case study analysis and review of existing case studies -Explanation of case study assignment -Wrap-up of second session
One Week Break	-Students will set up time to speak to their AST (up to 1 hour) about their case study assignment; these “office hours” are not optional and will be included in the participation grade
Third Class Session (2 hours)	-Student presentations of case study assignments -Explanation of final assignment *If needed, the AST will set up two simultaneous sessions to accommodate all presenters; students will only need to attend one session
One Week Break	Students will set up time to speak to their AST (up to 1 hour) about their final assignment; these “office hours” are not optional and will be included in the participation grade
Fourth Class Session (2 hours)	-Student presentations of final assignments -Wrap-up and final discussion *If needed, the AST will set up two simultaneous sessions to accommodate all presenters; students will only need to attend one session

Exam format: Successful completion of the Intermediate Sustainability course requires a score of at least “Meets Expectations” on each of three course sections: I) Participation and Contributions; II) Case Study; and III) Final Project. If a student scores below a 3 on one or more sections, they will not pass the course. Please view the course rubric for more information (provided upon registration). Upon receiving a passing score, students will receive a certificate from the Specialty Coffee Association for the Intermediate level.

