

Resources for Sustainability in the Humanities

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Our Project

Our names are Athena and Ali and we are currently taking INT519 (Green Umbrella Learning Lab) with Mr. Kelly. The purpose of the class is to create and complete a sustainability-focused project on campus, and we are focused on the teaching of sustainability within the humanities in hopes of bringing more attention to environmentalism outside of the purely scientific perspective.

Our inspiration for the project came from Exeter's Climate Action Plan. The first goal states that PEA will "ensure that every student graduates from Exeter with a fundamental understanding of the principles of sustainability and the issues posed by climate change." This term we have investigated what that goal entails and hope to contribute to PEA's meeting of its goal. Based on our conversations with some of Exeter's faculty and outside research, our understanding of the commitment in the Climate Action Plan is that these topics can and should be integrated into courses across departments here at Exeter, and be woven in with values such as identity and equity.

Our Main Focus

We decided to narrow our focus on the humanities departments solely because the Science department has already integrated modules on sustainability/climate change into its Chemistry, Physics, and Biology sequences, thereby partially meeting this goal and impacting many students' educations. It is important in all subjects, but due to our time constraints, we decided to focus on where we saw it the least. Even though there are some electives that cover sustainability, not all students will end up taking those classes (enrollment data for some environment-focused humanities electives at Exeter [Sustainability Enrollment Data: Humanities](#))

Surveys

We sent out a survey to three different groups—students, history teachers, and English teachers—to figure out what interest there is and see what already goes on in classrooms. To find out more, visit this link: [Sustainability Survey Analysis](#)

Resources

To find the resources we compiled, visit these links:
Humanities Resource PDF: [Humanities Sustainability Resources](#)