

## **Sustainable City Year Program Information for Class Syllabus 2018-2019 Academic Year**

The Sustainable City Year Program (SCYP), a program through the University of Oregon Sustainable Cities Initiative (SCI), links the students of the University of Oregon with an Oregon city, county, special district, or partnership of governments for an entire academic year. For the 2018-2019 academic year, the University of Oregon is partnering with the **cities of Gresham and Eugene, Oregon**.

Each year, a partner city receives assistance with their sustainability goals through the work of student classes across the university. In a typical year, **400+ students** from **10-12 disciplines** across **15-25 classes** might work on **20-30 partner-directed projects**, devoting **40,000+ hours of work to helping a local entity** transition to a more sustainable future.

Now in its ninth year, SCYP is working with Gresham and Eugene to assist them in reaching their sustainability goals in an affordable manner while transforming higher education into an arena where students can learn through real-life problem solving. Students in the class will be expected to turn in high-quality, professional-level work. You will work closely with Gresham and Eugene city staff, as well as engage local community members, elected officials, and, at times, local media. At the end of the term, you will present your work to the city. This may take the form of a poster presentation and/or a report. For interested students, there is an opportunity at the end of the term to work for SCI as a paid report writer and to compile the work of the class into a single, final report to be given to Gresham and Eugene. Class instructors will recommend a student report writer; please reach out to them if you are interested in this position.

Students will be given the opportunity to take a site visit to Gresham and Eugene. Should students desire to take multiple site visits, SCI can help arrange meetings with city staff and may also be able to reimburse students for transportation costs. We also recommend that students post their work on social media and blogs.

The University of Oregon libraries will be preparing a research guide for SCYP students. A link to resources, data, maps, and other information about Gresham and Eugene will be available on the SCYP webpage: <https://sci.uoregon.edu/scyp-student-and-faculty-portal>

If you have any further questions, please contact SCYP Manager, Megan Banks, at [mbanks@uoregon.edu](mailto:mbanks@uoregon.edu) or call [\(541\) 346-6395](tel:5413466395).