

# WELCOME TO SERVE-LEARN-SUSTAIN (SLS)

GEORGIA TECH'S  
QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN (QEP)  
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## 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.”

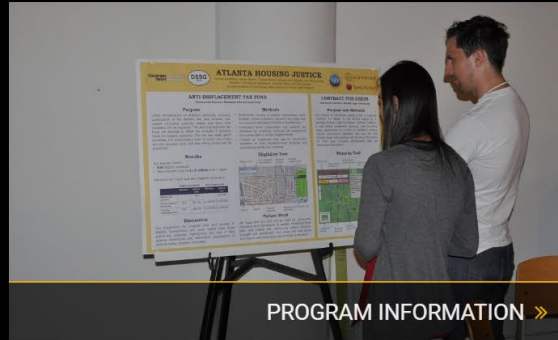
SLS offers 6 [signature programs](#) with different levels of commitment:

## Sustainable Cities Minor



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## Innovating for Social Impact



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## Internship Program



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## Linked Courses



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## Events and Workshops



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We also offer these additional courses and programs:

## Affiliated Courses



## SLS Foundation Courses

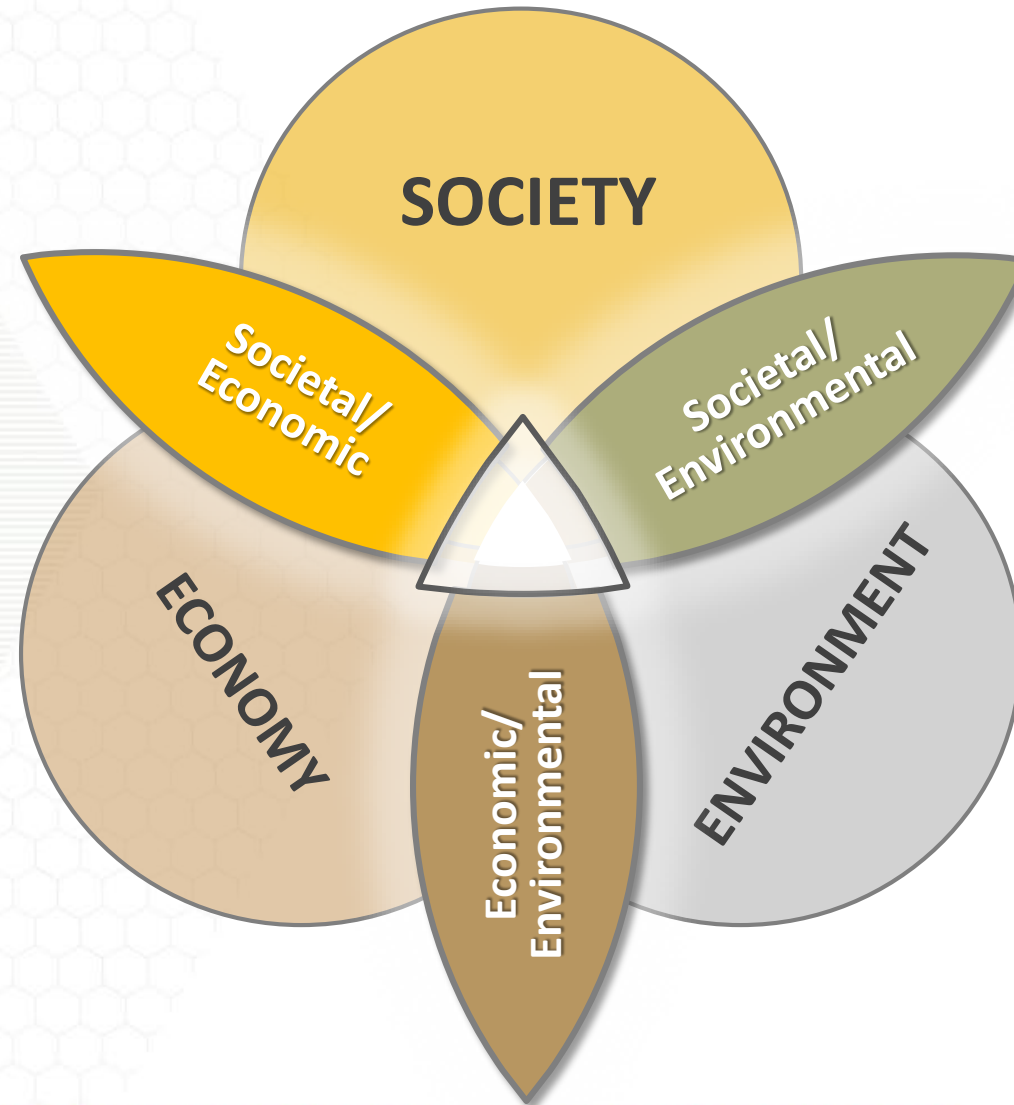


## Study Abroad



## SLS approaches sustainability:

- as an *Integrated System*
- with a special focus on *Society/Social Sustainability*



# SLS APPROACH TO “CREATING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES”

SLS programs focus on these priority sustainable communities issues:



- Community Health
- Equitable & Sustainable Development
- Green Infrastructure, Water & Citizen Science
- Social Innovation
- Climate Change & Energy
- U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

## We work with communities as *collaborators*, rather than clients

Increasing level of community involvement, impact, trust and communication 



From [Schematic of Community Engagement Continuum \(EPA, 2015; NCER CEnR Primer\)](#); note that this is one piece of a larger diagram)



## SLS approaches technology:

- as a tool to support community visions that benefit society and nature



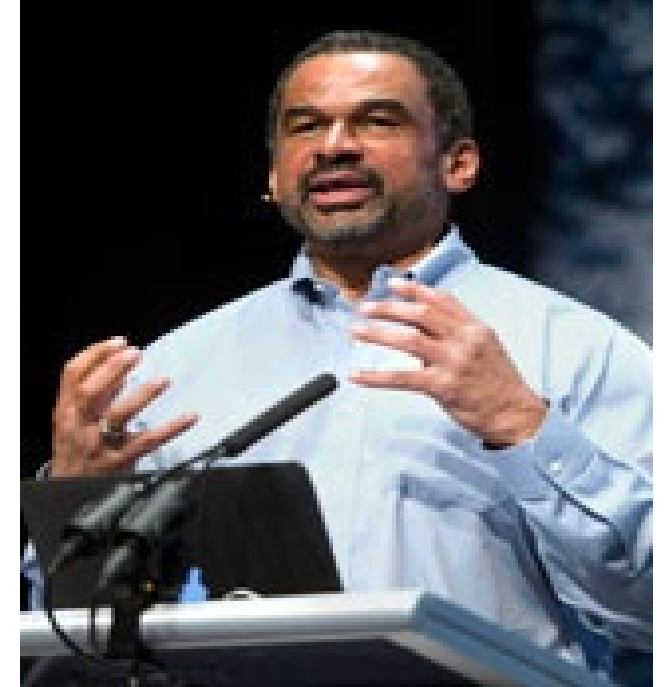
*AF2 Retreat attended by GT ME capstone team, Fall 2018*



WHAT ARE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ANYWAY?  
WHAT ARE WE ASPIRING TO CREATE?

“**Just sustainability** is ...‘the need to ensure a better quality of life for all, now and into the future, in a **just and equitable** manner, whilst living within the limits of supporting ecosystems’”

- *Julian Agyeman, Tufts University*



WE AIM TO:  
ACT LOCAL TO ACHIEVE A GLOBAL VISION – UN SDGS

 **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

<b>1</b> NO POVERTY 	<b>2</b> ZERO HUNGER 	<b>3</b> GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	<b>4</b> QUALITY EDUCATION 	<b>5</b> GENDER EQUALITY 	<b>6</b> CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION 
<b>7</b> AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	<b>8</b> DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	<b>9</b> INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	<b>10</b> REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	<b>11</b> SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	<b>12</b> RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION 
<b>13</b> CLIMATE ACTION 	<b>14</b> LIFE BELOW WATER 	<b>15</b> LIFE ON LAND 	<b>16</b> PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	<b>17</b> PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	

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