Preparatory course in Sustainable Development Studies (SDS)

In winter semester 2026-27, a preparatory course in Sustainable Development Studies (SDS) will be held on 19th – 21st October 2026, from 10:00 am to 15:00 pm, in VG 4.107 (Verfügungsgebäude - PIZ 5361). There is no official registration needed, and students can just directly attend. Please find the course timetable below. This course is exclusive to the new students of SDS program.

Day	Monday 19/10/2026	Tuesday 20/10/2026	Wednesday 21/10/2026
Location	VG 4.107	VG 4.107	VG 4.107
10:00 – 11:30	Getting to know each other + Course Introduction	Dissecting a Scientific Paper	SDS1 Course Details / Living within the World Boundaries
11:30 - 13:00	Lunch in the Turm Mensa	Lunch in the Zentral Mensa	Independent lunchtime
13:00 – 15:00	State of the World & Sustainability	Group Presentation (what was learned in the morning)	Visit to Economicum Library
15:00 – 17:00	English course assessment		

During these days, students will be guided through the details of the study program and its four branches of specific specialities. Understanding these specialities are particularly important in terms of future carrier preferences and opportunities. As well as this, students will be walked through how to register on various university platforms and prepare their own study timetable. We will also discuss and debate why Sustainability and in particular, Sustainable Development matter. This includes playing group games, drawing links between various human needs and planetary boundaries. Moreover, there will be guidance on what should be considered as "scientific" arguments, how to navigate journal articles, and how to prepare presentations. These elements can help students with their future assignments and course works throughout the program.

As part of this preparatory course, students will get a chance to have an exclusive tour of Economics & Social Sciences Divisional Library.

There will be also an important session for early assessment of **English Language** skills on 19th October, 15:00 – 17:00 pm, at ZESS. Students are strongly advised to take part in this assessment as this will determine their first semester English course requirements and groups.

Overall, SDS pre-course is a great opportunity for the new students to bond and get to know their fellow cohort students. For any queries, please contact Dr Ida G. Monfared (ida.gohardoustmonfared@uni-goettingen.de).