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Part 1

These are all actually colleges I looked into when trying to find a school I liked. It all came down to cost which is why I'm at KU, but these were my top three picks:

Goshen College, Evergreen State, and Roosevelt University Sustainability Studies

- What draws you to the programs?
 - They all have the common goal of helping you become a more well-rounded, educated graduate where after college you'll know exactly how to make positive changes in the world, and why you need to do so.
- What makes it unique, compared to other schools?
 - Goshen: There is a ton of fieldwork and hands-on learning, and they have a whole semester where you focus on sustainability leadership. They also have a Sustainable Food Systems major which is really interesting to me, and they have a 10-acre sustainable farm.
 - Evergreen: They have a lot of unique, specific classes where you'd be learning specialized skills.
 - Roosevelt: With this program, you do a lot of work in/for the community.
- Can you find out why and/or when it launched?
 - Goshen: The program launched in 2017 despite the fact they were teaching sustainability since the 1950s.
 - Roosevelt: established in 2010
- If possible, find a specific class that interests you. Is there a syllabus you could share?
 - Goshen has a class called "Faith, Ethics, and Eco-Justice"
 - "In this course, we immerse ourselves in the stories and ideas of people who have made a positive contribution to the sustainability of the planet. What kind of faith or worldview contributed to action? How does our understanding of right and wrong influence the health of earth? How is justice a part of this story? Justice for whom? How does spirituality relate to sustainability? The course emphasizes peacemaking and justice as essential to addressing environmental problems. Assignments encourage students to craft an ethic of their own."
- How would you adapt this to make it your dream class?
 - I honestly don't think there's any way to adjust this class. In the Ethics class I have taken at KU, we talk about how religion and Christianity spur the ideas of wanting to conquer animals and the environment, so it would be interesting to learn more about that.

Part 2: Designing my Own Course

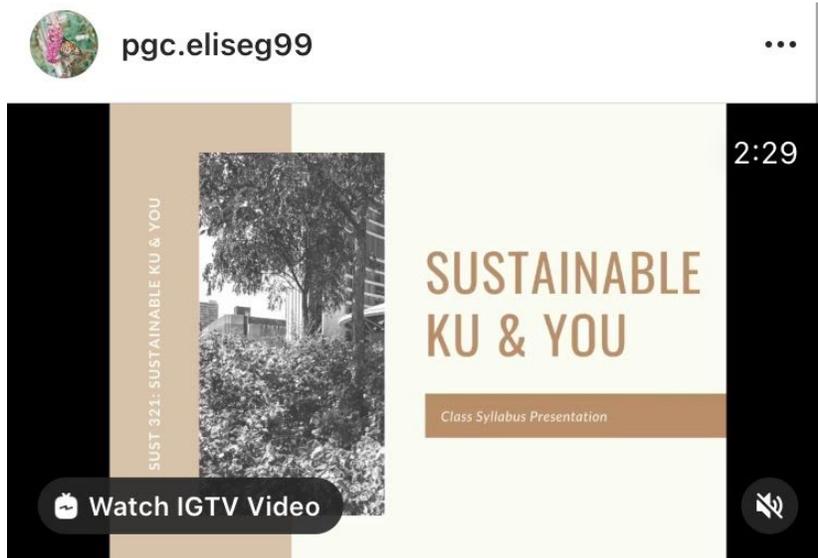
- Here's a presentation/syllabus for the course: I did a voiceover presentation describing the course for my Instagram:
<https://www.instagram.com/tv/CGvlerbjY33/?igshid=e24wdrmpgm35>
- The class takes inspiration from PGC because the first five weeks of class talk about different topics like environmental and climate justice, food waste, regenerative agriculture, energy, water, etc, and then uses those ideas to create a sustainability action project for my school KU's campus.
- I sent the video to my old Permaculture teacher, this is what she said:

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That's a great idea! I know that Brenna had done Project Green Challenge last year and got a lot out of it, so a class based around what they teach in the class is really smart! It's a good overview of sustainability and I like the action project to action make the students ideas a reality at KU!
Great work!

-Amber

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- (Brenna is a friend who was in the Permaculture class with me)



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