Course: Sustainable Economics		Doctoral School in Management Science and Business Administration
Lecturer: Dr. Zilahy Gyula		Academic title: professor, BME GTK
Contact hours: 15	Exam: Individual assignment (essay)	Credit: 5

Aims:

Introduction to the impact of the principles and practice of Sustainable Development on the economy with a special focus on the environmental and social responsibility of the corporate sector as well as corporate management practices.

The course will provide a theoretical background, which can facilitate scientific research in the field of environmental management while introducing company practice at the same time.

Thematic:

The interrelationships between the three pillars of Sustainable Development. Factors hindering the implementation of Sustainable Development; the nature of 'wicked problems'.

The role of the corporate sector in the implementation of Sustainable Development: expectations and solutions in order to reduce negative environmental and social impact. Technological vs. social solutions and their practical implementation.

Corporate environmental strategy vs. sustainable business models. Environmental risks and other factors determining corporate strategies.

Organisational theories explaining corporate environmental management practices: their characteristics and explanatory power.

Incremental change vs. sustainable business models. The sustainability of sustainable business models.

The role of the corporate sector to promote sustainable consumption.

Suggested textbooks:

Schaltegger, Burrit and Petersen: An Introduction to Corporate Environmental Management, Greenleaf

Articles and other materials handed out during the course.

Student's role:

Essay related to individual research topic.