

Systems Thinking and Transdisciplinary work are two elements of knowledge I will be taking with me in my next steps and whole journey of my life. Systems Thinking allows you to always see the bigger picture. It makes you aware of the interrelationships between parts in any system. This type of thinking is useful anywhere in life because the world is full of things that are related in ways not everyone notices. Transdisciplinary work is another element that will be highly useful for me down the road. Being able to see beyond borders of disciplines whether in academia, policy, business, or others, and collaborate to discover new knowledge and complete projects in ways unimaginable is ground-breaking.

In terms of future careers, I plan on becoming a CPA in Massachusetts and work for a firm that audits large companies. Also, I will be spending this summer and many months next year becoming an officer in the Massachusetts Army National Guard. My primary major gives me the accounting knowledge and background to complete a Master's program in accounting after graduating here at UNH. It also gives me the leadership and management skills to be an effective officer. My secondary major in Sustainability gives me the opportunity to bring Systems Thinking and Transdisciplinary work into both of my future careers. I am going to be a part of many teams of people with very different backgrounds and knowledge and will have to collaborate with them to accomplish goals and learn new things. I plan on also bringing the knowledge I have gained from the SDM and associated electives to volunteer work and the culture of whatever companies I end up at. Having worked on the zero waste project this semester I will undoubtedly bring my knowledge of recycling and waste contamination wherever I go.