

Environmental Policy

Program Description:

The environmental policy specialization offers coursework in environmental history, environmental politics and policy, natural resource policy, and disaster risk reduction. Faculty expertise includes environmental politics and policy, environmental governance, environmental and land use law and policy, international environmental policy, conservation politics, civic environmentalism, policy analysis, natural resource policy and planning, and social and environmental justice. Students have access to research facilities including the Spatial Analysis Lab, the Planning Studio, and two research units: the Resilience Institute and the Spatial Institute.

Goals:

The MA in environmental studies and environmental policy trains students to address sustainability of the human and natural environment. Environmental policy concentrates on studies in public policy development, governance, law, and methods and processes of planning and decision making. This degree prepares students for careers in municipal and county government, environmental law, environmental public relations, and environmental non-profit organizations.

Specialization Requirements:

Minimum of 45 credits are required, including:

- 7 credits of core classes: ENVS 501 (3), ENVS 502 (3), ENVS 503 (1)
- 26 credits of depth and specialization course work, including at least three courses from the area of specialization, or course substitutions, under advisement;
- 12 credits of ENVS 690 (thesis) or ENVS 691 (Field Project)

500-Level Environmental Policy Specialization Courses

- ENVS 540 Advanced Public and Stakeholder Engagement in Energy, Climate, and Environmental Policymaking
- ENVS 545 American Environmental History
- ENVS 546 World Environmental History
- ENVS 550 Environmental Politics and Policy
- ENVS 551 Natural Resource Policy
- ENVS 559 Advanced Energy Policy
- ENVS 563 Native American Planning and Natural Resource Management
- ENVS 565 Disaster Risk Reduction
- ENVS 593 Environmental Impact Assessment Practicum

400-level Environmental Policy Specialization Courses

- ENVS 442 Regional Environmental and Economic Resource Modeling
- ENVS 452 International Environmental Policy
- ENVS 454 Environmental Policy Analysis
- ENVS 456 Environmental Governance
- ENVS 457 Environmental Dispute Resolution