

POLICY, PLANNING & LAW CONCENTRATION

Description: The *Policy, Planning & Law* Concentration is geared toward students who are interested in learning about local, national and international regulations and programs designed to conserve the natural environment, to ensure that cities and neighborhoods are built in sustainable ways, and to protect vulnerable groups from bearing the brunt of environmental hazards.

Questions: What role or roles should local, state, and federal governments play in safeguarding natural resources, limiting pollution, or creating more sustainable communities? How can we measure or otherwise account for the negative impacts and cost of environmental degradation in policy design and evaluation? What theoretical frameworks provide the best basis for justifying environmental protection in environmental law and policy? What strategies can be used to engage communities in environmental planning?

Skills: Social science and environmental research methods, mapping and data presentation, argumentative thinking and writing, data analysis, GIS, remote sensing.

Relevant fields/careers:

- Environmental consulting and advocacy
- Government
- Law
- City, regional and environmental planning

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Required Skills Courses (choose 2)		6-8
ES/JOUR 125	Environment, the Public and the Mass Media	4
ES/POLS 311	Environmental Valuation for Policy Design	4
ES/POLS 319	Mapping Data for Policymaking	4
ES/TLT 367	Environmental Education	3
ECO 001	Principles of Economics	4
SOAN 111	Research Methods and Data Analysis	4
Required Content Courses (choose 3) ¹		11-12
ES/POLS 106	Environmental Values and Ethics	4
ES/POLS 107	The Politics of the Environment	4
ES/POLS/AAS 305	Residential Segregation: Policies and Practices	4
ES/HIST 315	American Environmental History	4
ES/POLS/HMS 320	Food Justice in Urban Environments	4
ES/POLS 328	U.S. Politics and the Environment	4
ES 331	Environmental Law I: Pollution & Risk Abatement	4
ES/PHIL 343	Comparative Environmental Law & Philosophical-Policy Design	4
Elective Courses (choose 2 within one of the subconcentrations) ²		6-8
PLANNING SUBCONCENTRATION		
ES/HMS/POLS 110	Environmental Planning for Healthy Cities	4
ES/HMS/JOUR 117	Environmental Health Risks and the Media	4
ES/POLS 311	Environmental Valuation for Policy Design	4
ES/POLS 312	Urban Environmental Policy Workshop	4
ES/POLS 314	Urban Agriculture Policy, Planning and Practice	4
ES/ANTH 321	Information Ecology	4
ES/POLS 355	Environmental Justice: From Theory to Practice	4
ES/PSYC 357	Psychology of Environmental Issues	4
EES 027	Natural Hazards: Impacts and Consequences	3
POLS 348	Land Use, Growth Management, and the Politics of Sprawl	4
POLICY & LAW SUBCONCENTRATION		
ES/ANTH 121	Environment and Culture	4
ES/POLS 311	Environmental Valuation for Policy Design	4
ES/POLS 312	Urban Environmental Policy Workshop	4
ES/POLS 314	Urban Agriculture Policy, Planning and Practice	4
ES/HMS/JOUR/STS 323	Health and Environmental Controversies	4
ES/POLS 328	U.S. Politics and the Environment	4
ES 331	Environmental Law I: Pollution & Risk Abatement	4
ES/PHIL 343	Comparative Environmental Law & Philosophical-Policy Design	4
ES/POLS 355	Environmental Justice: From Theory to Practice	4
EES 023	Weather and Climate: Past, Present, and Future	3

¹ One course must be a 3-4 credit ES course.

² Can include any required skills or content courses not taken in another part of the concentration or the core courses.