

Master of Arts in Environmental Studies

INTRODUCTION

The Master of Arts in Environmental Studies prepares students for careers in environmental policy and management through a broad, interdisciplinary course of study. The task at the core of the graduate Environmental Studies program is the development of human institutions, organizations, and behaviors that restore and protect the environment, requiring careful study of both natural and human systems and their interdependence.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The program is one of three interdisciplinary degrees in the University's Environmental Academic Studies Program, coordinated through the Environmental Institute. The mission of the MA program is to educate students with a core foundation in environmental science and environmental policy for professional careers that will "bridge the gap" between environmental scientists and public policy professionals in order to protect the integrity, diversity, and resilience of existing ecological systems and to create sustainable human settlements. The MA degree consists of four components: core competencies, core classes, electives, and an exit project. Core courses are shared with the MS in Environmental Science and the MS in Environmental Engineering, to allow students

from the three masters programs – environmental studies, science, and engineering – to interact and learn in a cross-disciplinary setting. Four electives may be used to specialize in a track. Finally, all students complete an exit project.



RESEARCH

Members of the Master of Arts in Environmental Studies faculty have wide-ranging research interests, including environmental policy, environmental technology, environmental land-use planning, risk analysis, citizen participation, environmental health, energy studies, global climate change, water-resources policy and planning, brownfields redevelopment, and lake paleontology. They have published in leading journals in these fields. An MA faculty member serves on the editorial board for the International Journal of Global Environmental Issues.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The MA in Environmental Studies program requires a minimum of 44 credit hours, including core-competency courses, a 19 credit core curriculum within the major, 12-16 elective credits (four courses), and an exit project. Students may choose to specialize in the areas of Policy and Administration, Environmental Planning, Environmental Nonprofit Management, or Geographic Information Systems. Prior to graduation, students complete an exit project, which may be an applied research report, an original project design, a policy analysis and evaluation paper, or a research project.

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