

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN CONTEXTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY (STEM)

**This program is offered exclusively to National Park Service (NPS) employees who have served for three years or more.**

The graduate certificate in contexts of environmental policy is designed to help prepare current and future leaders who are responsible for the preservation and protection of public lands and cultural heritage. Inspired by a gift from Roger and Frances Kennedy and made possible by the Friends of Roger Kennedy, the program funds NPS students to undertake a course of study that strengthens their knowledge of the natural and cultural resources at the heart of the NPS mission. Offering a wide range of courses that contextualize environmental policy, the certificate allows both flexibility and purpose to NPS students.

This is a STEM designated program.

Visit the program website (<https://tsppa.gwu.edu/certificate-contexts-environmental-policy/>) for additional information.

## ADMISSIONS

The application packet must include the following documents:	-Proof of completion of Bachelor’s Degree and Official Transcript with a GPA 3.0 or above. If you plan to apply, be sure to contact the Registrar’s Office at each of the colleges or universities from which you will be requesting official sealed transcripts at your earliest convenience, in order to ensure that you receive your transcripts in time to submit them no later than June 1.
	-A personal statement of at least 300 but no more than 800 words that includes the purpose for undertaking graduate study, academic objectives, research interests, and career plans/accomplishments.
	-Resume that includes nominee’s current position, and minimum overall work history of at least 5 years.
	-Signed letter of recommendation from the applicant’s supervisor, specifying how the certificate would benefit the applicant and the organization and agreeing to support his/her participation for the duration of the program.
	-Current SF-50 (Standard Form 50, Notice of Personnel Action) proof of being in a Competitive Service Permanent Position
Optional Document Requested:	DI-Form 1935, Applicant Background Survey. Providing this demographic information is voluntary, and no individual personnel selections are made based upon this information.
	Each applicant must submit the supporting documents by the June 1 deadline set by NPS.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Office of Graduate Studies  
The George Washington University  
801 22nd Street NW, Phillips Hall 107  
Washington DC 20052

For additional information about the admissions process visit the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Frequently Asked Questions (<https://columbian.gwu.edu/graduate-admissions-faq/>) page.

Contact:

[askccas@gwu.edu](mailto:askccas@gwu.edu)  
202-994-6210 (phone)

Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 12 credits, including one 3-credit required course and 9 credits in elective courses.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required:</b>		
PPPA 6006	Policy Analysis	
or PPPA 6066	U.S. Environmental Policy	
<b>Electives</b>		
9 credits in elective courses selected from the following:		
AMST 6530	Field Methods in Architectural Documentation	
ANTH 6101	Proseminar in Biological Anthropology	
ANTH 6807	Public Archaeology	
ENGL 6510	Writing, Race, and Nation	
ENGL 6520	Ethnicity and Identity	
ENRP 6101	Environmental Sciences I: Physical Sciences	
ENRP 6102	Environmental Sciences II: Life Sciences	
GEOG 6230	Seminar: Environmental Issues in Development	
HIST 6011	Reading and Research in History and Public Policy	
HIST 6302	Colonial North America	
HIST 6304	Native American History	
HIST 6420	Religion and American Culture	

HIST 6480	Theory and Practice of Public History
HIST 6495	Historic Preservation: Principles and Methods
MSTD 6101	Museum Management
MSTD 6203	Preventive Conservation Concepts
PHIL 6281	Environmental Philosophy and Policy
PPPA 6031	Governing and Managing Nonprofit Organizations
PPPA 6043	Land Use Planning and Community Development
PPPA 6067	Environment, Energy, Technology, and Society
PPPA 6140	Introduction to Environmental Law
PSC 6103	Approaches to Public Policy Analysis
SMPA 6201	Strategic Communications Skills
SOC 6250	Urban Sociology

Students may be permitted to take alternative electives with permission of the advisor.

Students should consult with the environmental and resource policy director of graduate studies to construct an individualized curriculum best suited to their needs and interests.