

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE POLICY

GW's environmental resource policy (ENRP) program offers a multidisciplinary approach to environmental and sustainability studies. The master of arts in ENRP prepares students to enter environmental policy careers in government, nonprofit organizations, the private sector, and environmental advocacy groups. ENRP is built on a curriculum that includes environmental economics, environmental law, public policy, research methods, and a two-semester environmental science course. The program blends theory and practical experience with a professional, client-oriented capstone project, academic credit for relevant internships and research, and a wide range of DC-based internship opportunities.

This is a STEM-designated program.

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

## ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines: Fall - July 1

Spring - November 1

Standardized GRE is not required.  
test scores:

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the PTE Academic is required of all applicants except those who hold a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree from a college or university in the United States or from an institution located in a country in which English is the official language, provided English was the language of instruction.

Minimum scores for the program are:

- Academic IELTS: an overall band score of 7.0 with no individual score below 6.0; or

- TOEFL: 600 on paper-based or 100 on Internet-based; or

- PTE Academic: 68

Recommendations: (2) recommendations required:

**Prerequisite** In order to satisfactorily complete several of requirements the ENRP core courses, including applied statistics (PPPA 6002), Microeconomics for Public Policy (PPPA 6007), and environmental science (ENRP 6101/2), students must have math skills equivalent to that provided by a college course in algebra, pre-calculus, analytic geometry, or introductory statistics. Suitable applicants who lack such skills will be admitted with a stated deficiency in mathematics that must be fulfilled in the first semester of the program.

**Prior academic records:** Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended must be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission.

If transcripts are in a language other than English, English language translations must be provided. The English translation alone should be uploaded into your application.

**Statement of purpose:** In an essay of 250 – 500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study in your chosen field. Include your academic objectives, research interests, and career plans. Also discuss your related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities, and any other substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on the application.

**International applicants only:** Please follow this link - <https://columbian.gwu.edu/international-graduate-applicants> (<https://columbian.gwu.edu/international-graduate-applicants/>) - to review the International Applicant Information carefully for details on required documents and English language requirements. Please note: international students who require a student visa from GW are not eligible to apply for admission to the program.

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 in required courses.

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Required</b>		
ENRP 6101	Environmental Sciences I: Physical Sciences	
or ENRP 6102	Environmental Sciences II: Life Sciences	
PPPA 6006	Policy Analysis	
PPPA 6007	Microeconomics for Public Policy I	
or ECON 6237	Economics of the Environment and Natural Resources	
PPPA 6066	U.S. Environmental Policy	
or PPPA 6140	Introduction to Environmental Law	

If, by virtue of prior coursework, a student can demonstrate competency in all topics covered in a required course, another graduate course relevant to environmental policy may be substituted for that course. Permission of the Environmental Resource Policy Program Director or Director of Graduate Studies is required.