

MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE POLICY (STEM)

GW's environmental resource policy (ENRP) program offers a multidisciplinary approach to environmental and sustainability studies. The master of arts (MA) 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 internship opportunities in Washington, DC.

This is a STEM designated program.

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

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines:

Fall: February 1: Priority consideration for admission and funding; April 1: Guaranteed review for admission and consideration for funding, if available. (Applications for admission will continue to be accepted after April 1, when space remains available in the program.)

Spring: October 1 (Late Applications accepted on a case by case basis for students who do not require an F-1 or J-1 visa through November 1)

Standardized test scores:

The GRE general or GMAT is not required however if you feel as though submitting scores for the GRE or GMAT will strengthen your application, you are welcome to submit them. 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 required: Two (2) recommendations

Prerequisite requirements:

In order to satisfactorily complete several of 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 review International Applicant Information (<https://columbian.gwu.edu/international-graduate-applicants/>) carefully for details on required documents, earlier deadlines for applicants requiring an I-20 or DS-2019 from GW, and English language requirements.

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
202-994-6210 (phone)

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

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext>).

36 credits, including 24 credits in required courses and 12 credits in elective courses.

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Code	Title	Credits
Required		
ECON 6237	Economics of the Environment and Natural Resources	
ENRP 6101	Environmental Sciences I: Physical Sciences	
ENRP 6102	Environmental Sciences II: Life Sciences	
PPPA 6002	Research Methods and Applied Statistics	
PPPA 6006	Policy Analysis	
PPPA 6007	Microeconomics for Public Policy I *	
PPPA 6140	Introduction to Environmental Law	
PPPA 6198	Environmental Resource Policy Capstone	
or PPPA 6008	MPA/MPP Capstone	
Electives		

12 credits of approved elective drawn from a number of departments throughout the University.

* Students who previously completed required courses may be allowed to substitute additional elective courses with program approval. Students may substitute PPPA 6017, PPPA 6014, or ECON 6217 for PPPA 6007.

COMBINED PROGRAM

Combined program

- Dual Master of Arts in the field of environmental resource policy and Graduate Certificate in geographical information systems (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/public-policy-administration/enrp-ma-gc-gis/>)