Environmental Policy Program Option

Program Overview

The Environmental Policy program option provides MPA students the opportunity to acquire the tools, methodologies, interdisciplinary perspectives, and substantive topic knowledge necessary to be successful analysts, managers, and leaders in public, nonprofit, and private organizations that cover a broad spectrum of environmental and natural resource issues.

Interested first-year MPA students will be eligible to complete the program option in their second year of study. Students who complete all of the required coursework will have the following listed on their transcript upon graduation: “Master of Public Administration (Environmental Policy).”

Requirements

1. Completion of all MPA program core requirements, as outlined in the MPA Student Handbook, including 36 core credits, one values elective, fulfillment of the Evans School’s capstone requirement (preferably on an environmental topic), and completion of a total of 72 credits (of which at least 60 must be PUBPOL credits) to earn the MPA degree.

2. Completion of PUBPOL 590: Environmental Policy Processes. This course was last offered in Autumn Quarter 2016 (but may be a winter or spring course in subsequent academic years). Must be taken for a numerical grade.

3. Completion of at least three of the following elective courses:
   - PUBPOL 538/SMEA 507: International Organizations & Ocean Management
   - PUBPOL 547: Water Resource Economics
   - PUBPOL 565: GIS & Public Policy
   - PUBPOL 582: Communicating Climate Change
   - PUBPOL 587: Water & Sanitation Policy in Developing Countries
   - PUBPOL 589: Risk Assessment for Environmental Health Hazards
   - PUBPOL 592: Resource Policy & Administration
   - PUBPOL 594: Economics Approaches to Environmental Management
   - PUBPOL 595: Ethics & Practice of Climate Change Communication & Community Engagement Strategies
   - PUBPOL 595: Risks & Values in Environmental Policy
   - PUBPOL 595: Energy & Climate Policy
   - PUBPOL 596: Ethics & Values in Environmental & Natural Resource Policy
   - PUBPOL 597: Environmental Decision-Making

In 2016-2017, the following approved electives will be offered (note: schedule is subject to change):

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