

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

1. Students must have a GPA of 3.0/ 4.0 in the required courses to earn the certificate. The minimum grade for any course to be applied toward the certificate is a grade of B.
2. No more than three credits may be transferred from another institution for the certificate.
3. The maximum time allowed for completion of the certificate will be three years.
4. Courses may be applied to the certificate that also count toward credit hours required for the students' MA, MS or Ph.D. in their home program.
5. At least one course must be outside the home discipline.
6. The total number of required credits is 12. Specific course requirements are as follows:
 - A. Required Course on the Policy Process: POL 620 or approved substitute.
 - B. Required Course in Policy Analysis Tools: AGECE 608, STAT 502, STAT 512, STAT 513, POL 605, POL 606, POL 693, SOC 581, SOC 680 or approved substitute.
 - C. Substantive courses: Any of the following courses or approved substitutes:

POL 523 – Advanced Environmental Policy and Politics
POL 623 – Research Seminar in Environmental Policy
AGECE 525 – Environmental Policy Analysis
FNR 572/573 – Community Involvement in Natural Resource Management and Community Involvement Practicum

FNR 575 – Human Dimensions in Natural Resource Management

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Students who are already admitted to a Purdue MA, MS or Ph.D. program may apply for consideration into the graduate certificate program in environmental policy. Students may apply by completing an application at:

www.cla.purdue.edu/polsci/gradprog/certificate.html

A Dual Graduate Program Request form (GS-18) must be submitted with the application. Students also must submit an official application for the certificate via Graduate School admissions at:

<http://www.gradschool.purdue.edu/admissions>

The statement of purpose should be a maximum of 250 words.

When a student completes the requirements for a certificate, the certificate will be awarded jointly by the Department of Political Science and the Graduate School. It will bear the signature of the head of the academic unit and the dean of the Graduate School. Certificates will be awarded at the time the final graduate degree is awarded.

Substitute courses can be approved by the environmental policy certificate steering committee.

For more information, please contact polgradcoordinator@purdue.edu.

PURDUE
UNIVERSITY

Environmental Policy Graduate Certificate



**Department of
Political Science**



**College of
Liberal Arts**



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This graduate certificate offers an interdisciplinary credential in environmental policy to students who are pursuing a Masters or Doctoral degree on the West Lafayette campus. This graduate certificate is part of a group of similar graduate certificates sponsored by Purdue's Global Policy Research Institute, including: Systems Engineering Policy, Social Policy and Information Security Policy. Additional information on these certificates may be found on the GPRI website (www.purdue.edu/globalpolicy).

TARGET AUDIENCE

Students in existing graduate (Masters or Ph.D.) degree programs on the West Lafayette campus who wish to add an interdisciplinary credential in environmental policy to their degree.

RATIONALE FOR THE PROGRAM

Professionals and researchers working on environmental challenges often must work closely with policymakers or the policy process. Various public and private employers are often looking for scientists and researchers with some familiarity with the policy making process. In response, students working on these issues may be interested in a series of courses to give them a basic understanding of the environmental policy process as part of their graduate study.

This certificate seeks to meet this need by giving each student some knowledge of the *context*, *content* and *methods* required for meaningful policy analysis in the area of environmental policy. The four required courses map onto these three areas of desired competence. First, each student who obtains the graduate certificate in environmental policy should have some basic knowledge about the social context of policy making. Second, each student who obtains a graduate certificate in environmental policy should also have a basic understanding of the most common tools used in policy analyses, such as statistical analysis, qualitative analyses (e.g. focus groups and case studies), and cost-benefit analysis. Last, students will be expected to have some in-depth knowledge of certain environmental policy issues to be acquired in a sequence of two specialized graduate courses. Specific course options for each of these areas of competence are listed under Completion Requirements.

Obtaining an interdisciplinary graduate certificate in environmental policy certifies that one knows something about environmental policy issues beyond the expertise of those who simply concentrate in the field in question within their discipline. For this reason, at least one of the four required courses for the certificate should be taken outside the student's primary discipline.

Q&A

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Students who are admitted to any Purdue MA, MS or Ph.D. program are eligible to earn a certificate.

HOW TO APPLY:

Fill out the online application form at:

www.cla.purdue.edu/polsci/gradprog/certificate.html

E-mail or mail form to:

Graduate Coordinator
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