

Environmental Policy B.A.

Advising Major Guide for Huxley on the Peninsulas

Why should I consider a major in Environmental Policy ?

Do you want to use your knowledge and skills to promote positive change in the environment? Do you love solving problems and implementing shared visions in both natural settings and urban communities? Are you interested in the laws and policies that govern environmental change? Then Environmental Policy is the major for you.

What is the study of Environmental Policy?

This program prepares students to enter professional fields concerned with the sustainability of the

human and natural environment. The Policy track is an depth study of public policy development, law and the methods and processes of policy decision making. The elective component for Huxley on the Peninsulas policy students consists of some Environmental Science courses.

Graduates of this major have assumed positions in city, county, tribal and state planning offices, non-profit organizations, and public relations for governmental agencies.

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Sample Career Fields

Urban Planner	State, County, City, Tribal Planner	Director of Non-Profit Org.	Environmental Advocate
Environmental Lawyer*	Environmental Public Relations	National Park Service	Industry Planner
Sustainability Coordinator	Environmental Consultant		

*This field requires additional education

WHAT SHOULD YOU BE DOING? HAVE A PLAN? HERE IT IS. . .

Huxley Pre-major Freshman & Sophomore Year	Huxley Major Junior Year	Huxley Major Senior Year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit with Program Manager for Huxley on the Peninsulas for a two year pre-major plan. • Complete Associate Transfer Degree. • Complete Huxley Preparatory Coursework while earning Associate Transfer Degree. • Get involved in environmental issues and groups. Volunteer for environmental organizations. • Apply to Western Washington University Extended Education and Huxley College on the Peninsulas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with Program Manager to complete your Plan of Study. • Meet with the Faculty advisor and discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • electives • internships/senior project • career vs. graduate education • Take core courses Fall quarter: ESTU 304, ESCI 325, and major course. • Research careers and graduate education • Plan and apply for internship/senior project by the end of Spring quarter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete internship/senior Project • Meet with Program Manager to refine Plan of Study. • For graduate school, take GRE exam and apply to graduate programs. • Two quarters before graduation, meet with Program Manager and faculty Advisor for Major Evaluation. • For Spring Graduation, apply by first week of December.

Applying as a Planning and Environmental Policy Major

Once you have completed or are completing an Associate Transfer Degree and required preparatory courses, fill out a Western Washington University *Extension Undergraduate Application* and a Huxley College of the Environment *Extension Program Application*. Applications are due by April 1. Contact the Program Manager, Nancy Bluestein-Johnson for applications or <http://admissions.wwu.edu/print/EESPEExtensionUGApp.pdf> for Western's Extension Application. The Huxley College application, also, requires a brief essay and a list of relevant experience.

Planning and Environmental Policy Major Overview: 85 credits

Required Preparatory Courses:

Chemistry 121L or 161L	General Chemistry	5 credits
Biology 101 with Lab	Introduction to Biology	5 credits
Math 114, or 156	Precalculus or Algebra with Apps to Busi/Econ	4-5 credits
Math 281	Statistics	4-5 credits
Geography	Physical Geography	4-5 credits
Economics 202	Microeconomics	4-5 credits
Political Science 250	American Political System	5 credits
Plus completion of Associate Transfer Degree		

Environmental Studies Core (20 credits minimum)

ESCI 325 Fundamentals of Ecology	3 credits
One of the following	3-4 credits
ESCI 321 Oceanography (4)	
ESCI 330 Natural History of the Pacific NW (4)	
ESCI 361a Water Quality (3)	
ENVS 202 Introduction to Environmental Studies & Sustainability	3
ENVS 304 Environment and Resource Policy	4
ENVS 361 Introduction to Planning	3
ENVS 305 Environmental History & Ethics	4

Environmental Policy Major: (65 credits minimum) Required courses

ESCI (one or more natural science course)	4-5
ECON 383 Environmental Economics	4
EXT 370 Principles & Practices of Emergency Management	4
ENVS 451 Natural Resource Management	3
ENVS 450 Environmental Policy	4
ENVS 452 International Environmental Policy	4
ENVS 454 Environmental Policy Analysis	5
ENVS 456 US & WA State Environmental Regulations	4
ENVS 457 Environmental Dispute Resolution	4
ENVS 461 Land Use Law	4
ESCI 436 Environmental Impact Assessment(capstone)	5 credits

One from the following:

ENVS 498a Senior Thesis (10-15)	10-15 credits minimum
ENVS 498b Internship (10-15)	
ENVS 498c Senior Project (10-15)	

Electives: 9-11 credits

9-11 credits of upper division electives (or electives to equal a total of 85 credits) under program director advisement.

ENVS 340 Introduction to GIS (4 credits)	ESCI 429 Stream Ecology (5 credits)
ESCI 432 Topics in Marine Ecology (4 credits)	ESCI 302 Environmental Disturbances (4 credits)
Emergency Management Courses online	

Resources

Huxley on the Peninsulas Website: www.wvu.edu/huxleyoutreach

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