Environmental Policy and Planning, BA

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in environmental policy and planning requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 55 s.h. of work for the major. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They must also complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core. Transfer students must complete a minimum of 15 s.h. of School of Earth, Environment, and Sustainability coursework in the major.

In planning coursework, students should be guided by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences maximum hours rule: students earning a BA may apply a maximum of 56 s.h. earned in one department to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation, whether or not the coursework is accepted toward requirements for the major; students who earn more than 56 s.h. from one department may use the additional semester hours to satisfy requirements for the major (if the department accepts them), and the grades they earn become part of their grade-point average, but they cannot apply the additional semester hours to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation.

Students who are earning two majors from the same department (e.g., a BA in environmental policy and planning and a BA in earth and environmental sciences), two degrees from the same department (e.g., a BA in environmental policy and planning and a BS in geographical and sustainability sciences), or a major and a minor from the same department (e.g., a BA in environmental policy and planning and a minor in earth and environmental sciences) may apply more than 56 s.h. from their home department toward their degree, but they must earn at least 56 s.h. of credit in courses outside their home department in order to graduate.

The BA with a major in environmental policy and planning requires the following coursework.

Requirements	Hours
Shared Courses	43-45
Track Courses	12

Shared Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
Introductory Courses		
All of these:		
SEES:1035	Our Digital Earth	3
SEES:1070	Contemporary Environmental Issues	3
SEES:1085	Fundamentals of Environmental Science	4
SEES:2010	Interdisciplinary Environmental Seminar	1
SEES:2013/ BUS:2013/ URP:2013	Introduction to Sustainability	3
SEES:2050	Foundations of GIS	4
ANTH:2261	Human Impacts on the Environment	3
ECON:1100	Principles of Microeconomics	4
Intermediate Courses		
This course:		
POLI:3111	American Public Policy	3
One of these:		
AMST:1290/ GHS:1290/ HIST:1290/ NAIS:1290	Native American Foods and Foodways	3
ANTH:3103	Environment and Culture	3
One of these:		
SEES:2950	Environmental Conservation	4
SEES:3350	Urban Ecology	3
Methods Courses		
One of these:		
PSQF:4143/ STAT:4143	Introduction to Statistical Methods	3
STAT:1020/ PSQF:1020	Elementary Statistics and Inference	3
STAT:1030	Statistics for Business	4
STAT:2010	Statistical Methods and Computing	3
STAT:2020	Probability and Statistics for the Engineering and Physical Sciences	3
STAT:3510/ IGPI:3510	Biostatistics	3
Communications Courses		
One of these:		
CNW:3664/ ENGL:3764	Writing About Science	3
JMC:1800	Environmental Communication	3
JMC:3185	Topics in Understanding Media	3
Research and Experiential Learning		
At least one of these (for a total of 3 hours):		3
SEES:3400	Iowa Environmental Policy in Practice	3
SEES:3992	Undergraduate Research (or Iowa Community Integrated Geography Organization (ICIGO))	1-3
SEES:4995	Honors Thesis	arr.
CCP:1201	Academic Internship	1-3

Tracks

Students must complete one of two tracks: planning or policy. Each track consists of two required courses and at least 6 s.h. in elective courses. Students may not use any course to satisfy more than one requirement.

Planning Track

Course #	Title	Hours
Both of these:		
SEES:3920/ URP:3001	Planning Livable Cities	3

SEES:4750/ URP:4750	Environmental Impact Analysis	3
At least 6 s.h. from these:		
SEES:2930	Water Resources	3
SEES:3250/ CPH:3400	Health, Work, and the Environment	3
SEES:3315	Ecosystem Ecology	4
SEES:3350	Urban Ecology	3
SEES:3400	Iowa Environmental Policy in Practice	3
SEES:3520/ IGPI:3520	GIS for Environmental Applications	3
SEES:3540/ IGPI:3540	Geographic Visualization	3
SEES:3760/ GHS:3760	Hazards and Society	3
SEES:3780/ GHS:3780/ HIST:3240/ POLI:3431	U.S. Energy Policy in Global Context	3
SEES:3800	Environmental Policy	3
SEES:4770/ AFAM:4770/ GHS:4770	Environmental Justice	3
ECON:3625/ URP:3135	Environmental and Natural Resource Economics	3
HIST:3128	Global Environmental History: Nature and Power in the Modern World	3
HIST:3230	American Environmental History	3
URP:3134/ ECON:3640	Regional and Urban Economics	3
URP:3350/ ECON:3750/ SEES:3940	Transportation Economics	3

Policy Track

Course #	Title	Hours
Both of these:		
SEES:3800	Environmental Policy	3
ECON:3625/ URP:3135	Environmental and Natural Resource Economics	3
At least 6 s.h. from these:		
SEES:3250/ CPH:3400	Health, Work, and the Environment	3
SEES:3400	Iowa Environmental Policy in Practice	3
SEES:3520/ IGPI:3520	GIS for Environmental Applications	3
SEES:3540/ IGPI:3540	Geographic Visualization	3
SEES:3760/ GHS:3760	Hazards and Society	3
SEES:3780/ GHS:3780/ HIST:3240/ POLI:3431	U.S. Energy Policy in Global Context	3
SEES:3920/ URP:3001	Planning Livable Cities	3
SEES:4750/ URP:4750	Environmental Impact Analysis	3
SEES:4770/ AFAM:4770/ GHS:4770	Environmental Justice	3
HIST:3128	Global Environmental History: Nature and Power in the Modern World	3
HIST:3230	American Environmental History	3
PBAF:3117/ POLI:3117	Bureaucratic Politics and Public Administration	3
POLI:2417	Comparative Environmental Policy	3
POLI:3100	American State Politics	3
POLI:3102	The U.S. Congress	3
POLI:3110	Local Politics	3
POLI:3118	Interest Groups	3
POLI:3424	Global Development	3
POLI:3430/ NAIS:3430	Environmental Politics and Indigeneity	3
POLI:3432/ NAIS:3432	Agriculture Politics and Policy	3