

Environmental Policy and Planning, BA

The Environmental Policy and Planning major at Iowa empowers students to address pressing environmental challenges through policy or planning pathways. Students drawn to this major are focused on learning about the environment through a human-centered lens.

You'll explore solutions for land use, water access, and climate change, gaining practical skills and real-world experience. Our program's unique interdisciplinary approach fosters a deep understanding of environmental policy and planning tools, preparing you to make a difference in shaping a sustainable future.

Learning Outcomes

Graduates will:

- recognize the connections and relationships between human and environmental activities and outcomes across space and time;
- identify key stakeholders and sources of information in the natural and social sciences to consider in developing solutions to environmental problems;
- be able to explain the role of policy and planning in addressing environmental issues locally, regionally, and globally;
- be capable of working collaboratively in interdisciplinary teams to design approaches to managing environmental problems; and
- understand and be able to implement key tools and methods for environmental planning and policy making.