

Environmental Policy and Planning

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Undergraduate major: environmental policy and planning (BA, BS)

Undergraduate minor: environmental policy and planning

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As a society, we depend on and value the environment for basic services such as food production, climate regulation, and recreation. In turn, societies have a significant impact on the environment, which can have significant economic and quality of life impacts. Environmental problems are, therefore, often difficult to resolve because they are embedded in a complex mesh of economics, politics, culture, and behavior. In order to address environmental problems in the future, society needs citizens who understand the human dimensions of these issues. The purpose of the major and minor in environmental policy and planning is to provide students with an opportunity to concentrate on the related social science and policy dimensions of environmental problems.

Environmental policy and planning programs integrate a group of courses to comprise a coherent approach to the study of the human dimensions of environmental problems.

The undergraduate programs of study in environmental policy and planning are administered by the Department of Geographical and Sustainability Sciences.