Online Graduate Certificate in Environmental Policy

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The Graduate Certificate in Environmental Policy offers an excellent opportunity to achieve advanced knowledge and professional certification in the formulation and implementation of policies that achieve sustainable operations. This program is offered through the School of Education, Public Policy and Civic Engagement (SEPPCE) at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

The Certificate in Environmental Policy introduces students to environmental issues of local, state, regional, national, and global concern.

OBJECTIVE
- Provide an understanding of the major ecological issues.
- Develop students’ critical thinking and problem solving skills with an emphasis on policy analysis.
- Foster the development and implementation of environmentally sound policies and practices.

Successful completion of the certificate should enhance a student’s current career or aid in the development of new job skills and add substantial positive consideration for students who apply to the Master’s in Public Policy program. Courses completed with an average GPA of 3.0 or better in the Certificate will count toward the Public Policy Master’s degree and the GRE is waived for MPP with completion of certificate.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
This Certificate program is a 12-credit program and can be completed in two semesters. For course schedule, descriptions and location, visit online at umassd.edu/pce/onlinecourses/welcome.cfm.

Required Courses
- POL 500 Public Institutions and the Policy Process (3-credits)
- POL 562 Environmental Policy (3-credits)

Elective Courses (select two courses)
- POL 560 Environmental Consequences of Globalization (3-credits)
- POL 611 Administrative Law (3-credits)
- POL 661 Environmental Law (3-credits)
- POL 663 Ocean Policy and Law (3-credits)

Total Program Credits: 12 credits

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS
All applicants to the Graduate Certificate in Environmental Policy must have an earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited 4-year college or university in the United States or comparable non-U.S. degree/diploma from a recognized foreign institution of higher education at the time of matriculation. A copy of official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended, undergraduate and graduate, must be submitted as part of the application process. Applicants may hold a degree in any field, although it is expected that most applicants will hold degrees in the social sciences, business, and humanities.

All applicants to the Graduate Certificate in Environmental Policy must complete and submit UMass Dartmouth’s Graduate School Application. The application may be submitted electronically or by mail. More information is available at umassd.edu/graduate/.

The Graduate Certificate in Environmental Policy at UMass Dartmouth requires an essay of 400-500 words explaining the applicant’s interest in the program and purpose for applying to the program. The essay should include the applicant’s previous policy-related or public management experience, and a resume or a curriculum vitae.

CONTACT US
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