

Environmental Policy, BA

Advising Major Guide for Huxley on the Peninsulas

Everett Port Angeles Poulsbo

Why should I consider this major?

Do you want to use your knowledge and skills to promotepositive change in the environment? Do you love solving policy*p*roblems and implementing shared visions in both natural settings and urban communities? Are you interested in the laws and policies that govern environmental change? ThenEnvironmental 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 in depth study of public policy development, environmental law and methods and processes of policy decision making. Elective components for Huxley on the Peninsulas students are Environmental Science courses. Graduates of this major have been hired for positions in county, tribal and state planning offices, non-profit organizations, consulting, and public relations for governmental agencies.

**Admissions:** Environmental Policy major admission is selective and based upon the following four criteria:

1. Completion of required preparatory courses

2. A brief essay in response to a given question

3. Relevant experience

4. Academic performance (GPA)

What should you be doing? Have a plan? Here it is…

**Huxley Pre-major Freshman & Sophomore Year**

Visit the Program Coordinator, Complete Associate Transfer Degree (DTA), Complete Huxley Preparatory Coursework while earning DTA, Get involved in environmental issues and groups. Volunteer for environmental organizations.

**Huxley Major Junior Year**

Meet with Program Coordinator to complete your Plan of Study, Meet with Faculty advisor and discuss Electives, Internships/Senior Projects, Career vs. Graduate education, Take core courses Fall quarter, ENVS 304, ESCI 325 and major courses, Research career and graduate education Apply for Internships/senior projects by the end of Spring quarter.

**Huxley Major Senior Year**

Complete Internships/senior project, meet with Program Coordinator to refine Plan of Study and Major Evaluation, for graduate school, take GRE exam and apply to graduate programs. Apply for Spring Graduation by the first week of December.

Applying as an 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 on the Peninsulas Program Application. Applications are due by March 1. Contact the appropriate Program Coordinator at the location of interest for the Huxley on the Peninsulas application and apply online at <https://admissions.wwu.edu/extended-ed-apply> for Western’s Extended Education Application. The Huxley on the Peninsulas application requires a brief essay and a list of relevant experience.

**Advising Tips:** Prospective environmental policy majors are encouraged to meet with a Program Coordinator, to explore their environmental policy interest, develop a Plan of Study, discuss electives, internships/senior projects and career vs. graduate education.

Contact Information:

**Website:**

<http://www.wwu.edu/ee/huxley>

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Sample Careers:

Urban Planner

Environmental Lawyer\*

Sustainability Coordinator

Environmental Public Relations

Director of Non-Profit Org.

National Park Service

Environmental Advocate

Industry Planner

State, County, City, Tribal Planner

\*This field requires addition education

Major/Career Resources:

[www.careers.wwu.edu/students\_choosingamajor.shtml](http://www.careers.wwu.edu/students_choosingamajor.shtml)

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**Environmental Policy Major Overview: 75 credits**

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| **Required Preparatory Courses:**  Chemistry 121L or 161L General Chemistry 5 credits  Biology 101 with Lab Introduction to Biology 5 credits  Math 114, or 156 Pre-calculus or Algebra with Apps to Bus/Econ 4-5 credits  Math 281 Statistics 4-5 credits  Geography Physical Geography 4-5 credits  Economics 202 Microeconomics 4-5 credits  **Plus completion of Associate Transfer Degree** |

***Huxley Core Requirements:***

**Environmental Studies Core (24 credits minimum)**

ENVS 303 Introduction to Environmental Studies I:

Human Ecology & Ethics 5 credits

ENVS 305 Introduction to Environmental Studies II:

History & Policy 5

ENVS 361 Introduction to Planning 3

ECON 383 Environmental Economics 4

ESCI 325 Fundamentals of Ecology 3

ESCI 499n Field Ecology 1

ESCI (one or more natural science course) 3-5

**Environmental Policy Major: (17 credits minimum)** Required courses

ENVS 355 Environmental Law & Policy 4

ENVS 450 Science in the Policy Process 4

ENVS 457 Environmental Dispute Resolution 4

ENVS 493 Environmental Impact Assessment**(capstone)** 5 credits

**One from the following: (10 credits minimum)**

ENVS 498A Senior Thesis (10-15)

ENVS 498B Internship (10-15)

ENVS 498C Senior Project (10-15)

ENVS 498D International Study (10-15)

**Electives: 24 credits**

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

ENVS 320 Introduction to GIS (4)

ENVS 463 Native American Planning & Natural Resource Policy (3)

ENVS 454 Environmental Policy Analysis (4)

ENVS 456 Environmental Governance (4)

ENVS 461 Land Use Law (4)

ESCI 470 Ecological Restoration (5) ESCI 328 Intro to Ecosystem Management (5)

ESCI 302 Environmental Disturbances (4)

ESCI 380 Energy & the Environment (3) ESCI 499s Integration of Environmental Science & Policy (2)

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**Resources: Huxley on the Peninsulas Website:** <http://www.wwu.edu/ee/huxley>

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