

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, BA/MPA

The combined B.A. in Environmental Studies and Master of Public Administration trains the next generation of leaders ready to tackle the world's toughest challenges. Students dive into issues like sustainability, pollution, poverty, biodiversity, and resource management, gaining the knowledge and ethical perspective needed to create real-world solutions. With an interdisciplinary approach that blends economics, ethics, politics, history, and science, graduates are prepared to see problems—and opportunities—from every angle.

The MPA builds on this foundation with practical skills in leadership, policy analysis, financial management, and data-driven decision-making. With more than 40 years of proven success, this combined program allows students to earn both degrees efficiently, positioning them to lead impactful organizations and drive meaningful change in government, healthcare, nonprofits, and beyond.

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
ENG 110	Composition	3
UNV 101	First-Year Seminar: Introduction to University Community	1
MAT 141	Introductory Statistics for the Life Sciences	4
ENV 100	Water, Wildlife and Windmills - An Introduction to Environmental Studies and Sciences	3
COM 200	Public Speaking	3
Credits		14
Spring		
CIS 101	Introduction to Computing	3
ENV 265 or ENV 245	Multiple Environmental Knowledges or Environmental Justice	3
Foreign Language		3
ENG 120	Critical Writing	4
ENV 110 or ENV 140	Nature and Culture: A Study in Connections or Act Locally: Sustainable Design and You	3
Credits		16
Second Year		
Fall		
Foreign Language II		3
Fulfill 2 core requirements		6
ENS 201	Fundamentals of Environmental Science I	0-4
ENG 201	Writing in the Disciplines	3
Credits		12-16
Spring		
ENS 202	Fundamentals of Environmental Science II	0-4
ENV 310	Environmental Policy and Sustainable Governance	3
Take ENV/ENS elective		3
Fulfill 2 core requirements		6
Credits		12-16
Third Year		
Fall		
Take 2 ENV/ENS electives		6
Fulfill core requirement(s)		9
Credits		15
Spring		
ENV 380	Introduction to Research Methods	3
Take electives/core requirements		12
Credits		15

Fourth Year**Fall**

PAA 603	Economics of Government, Health Care and Nonprofit Entities	3
ENV 498	Capstone Practicum in Environmental Studies and Science	3
PAA 601	Public Administration and its Environment	3
Elective		3

Credits	12
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Spring

PAA 602	Organization Theory and Management	3
PAA 604	Budgeting and Financial Analysis	3
PAA Electives (two 600 level courses)		6

Credits	12
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Fifth Year**Fall**

PAA 606	Research Design for Administrators	3
PAA Electives (any three three credit PAA 600 level courses)		9

Credits	12
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Spring

PAA 699	Capstone Project Seminar	3
PAA Elective (any two three credit PAA 600 level course)		6
PAA 607	Applied Data Analysis	3

Credits	12
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Total Credits	132-140
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