Environmental Studies Graduate Programs

Northeast

University: Vermont Law School Location: South Royalton, VA
Degree Offered: Master of Environmental Law and Policy, Masters of Laws in Environmental Law
Level: Masters Type: Online
Program Description:

Vermont Law School's top-ranked online Master of Environmental Law and Policy program has been developed to equip you with the expertise needed to address the increasingly challenging environmental issues we face as a society. This nationally renowned program will give you a deep knowledge and understanding of the policies and laws shaping global environmental solutions and prepare you as a real-world agent of change.

As a student, you will experience a vibrant educational environment, interacting with and learning from our well-known, expert faculty of the world's leading environmental advocates, legal scholars and practitioners. Throughout the rigorous curriculum, you will focus on understanding the complexities of environmental law and policymaking in the only program that offers a law degree for non-JD students.

Vermont Law School's environmental law program has been at the forefront of the field since 1978 and has been ranked #1 by U.S. News & World Report 13 times since the ranking began in 1991. It holds the distinction of being the only program of its kind available online and offered from the top environmental law school in the country.

Webpage: http://www.vermontlaw.edu/

University: University of Maine Location: Orono, ME
Degree Offered: M.S.-Resource Economics and Policy; Resource Utilization; Ecology and Environmental Science (Concentration in Environmental Policy and Management)
Level: Masters Type: Campus
Program Description: The Department of Resource Economics and Policy administers the Master of Science in Resource Economics and Policy, and participates in the Master of Science in Resource Utilization and the Master of Science in Ecology and Environmental Sciences. The graduate program is designed to provide students with an applied masters degree focusing on the economic analysis of public policy issues relating to natural resource use, environmental quality, marketing of natural resource based products, agricultural production, and economic development of rural communities. While focusing on the applied aspect of the program, the faculty also works to ensure the program provides the opportunity for students to obtain the necessary preparation to excel in a Ph.D. program.

Program Description: Anthropology and Environmental Policy Doctoral Program

This new PhD Program centers on understanding human society and culture in cross-cultural perspective and their pivotal role in implementing successful environmental policy. The program engages students in a multi-disciplinary framework bridging environmental sciences and policy while focusing on the sociocultural impacts of, and responses to, local and global environmental change. Students engage with faculty in cutting-edge research on the way social relations, human organization, cultural perceptions, and ecological behavior affect the causes and consequences of local, national, and global environmental change. Students analyze social and cultural dimensions of policy that mitigate negative environmental consequences of this change while safeguarding or promoting human well-being. Areas of environmental policy and research include:

- Global Climate Change
- Energy Resources
- Marine Resources
- Eco-tourism
- Forestry Resources
- Land-Use
- Water Management
- Pollution Control
The program core is a firm grounding in anthropological social and cultural theory, qualitative and quantitative methodology, and policy development and analysis. Students engage in methodological and specialized courses tailored to their specific environmental interests at the local, national or international scale. Graduate Teaching Assistantships and Work Study positions available for qualified students. Students in the program will normally select their main advisor from the Anthropology Department but are expected to include faculty from affiliated departments in their committees or as co-advisors.

Program Description: Ecology and Environmental Sciences Program

The University of Maine offers excellent opportunities for graduate training in:


The Interdisciplinary Graduate Committee - A Training Partnership Each student enrolled in the Program in Ecology and Environmental Science is guided by a multi-disciplinary graduate committee composed of his or her major advisor plus other members of the program faculty. The graduate advisory committee for a student in the Ph.D. program includes a total of five faculty members representing at least two disciplines within the program. The committee for a student in the M.S. program is composed of three faculty members from at least two disciplines in the program. The student meets on a regular basis with his or her advisor and meets with the advisory graduate committee at least once each semester.

Webpage: http://ees.umaine.edu/

University: Duquesne University (Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences) Location: Pittsburgh, PA
Degree Offered: Online - Master of Environmental Management, M.S. - Environmental Science and Management
Level: Masters Type: Campus and Online
Program Description: The ESM program provides students with the background and education in environmental management, science, policy and law necessary to become effective environmental professionals in industry, agencies, non-profits and academe.


University: Clark University Location: Worcester, MA
Degree Offered: Environmental Science and Policy, MBA
Level: Masters Type: Campus
Program Description: The Environmental Science and Policy (ES&P) graduate program at Clark University prepares students for evolving and critical careers at the intersection of environmental science and policy. ES&P continues a long tradition of innovation and creative contributions to environmental challenges - the current program has evolved from one of the first environmental programs in the country to explore relationships between environmental science, technology, and society.

Environmental challenges are complex. ES&P teaches students to use knowledge and methods from both the natural and social sciences, integrate quantitative and qualitative analytical tools, and understand the connections among environment, technology, society, and development.

With this program's course of study, the ES&P student is equipped with skills and perspectives to work with a wide array of stakeholders - communities, industries, governmental agencies, NGOs, researchers, and donors - in ways that are sensitive to cultural, institutional, socio-political, and economic needs.
ES&P students have opportunities to participate in high quality, meaningful research collaborations. They have access to faculty that have experience working with a racially and socially diverse student population. ES&P graduates are able to recognize, frame, characterize, and creatively address the many environmental problems around us today.

**Webpage:** [http://www.clarku.edu/departments/idce/programs/default.html](http://www.clarku.edu/departments/idce/programs/default.html)

**University:** Columbia University (Graduate Program in Environmental Science and Policy)  
**Location:** New York, NY  
**Degree Offered:** MPA in Environmental Science and Policy  
**Level:** Masters  
**Program Description:** The MPA in Environmental Science and Policy combines Columbia University’s hands-on approach to teaching public policy and administration with pioneering thinking about the environment. Graduates of the program are prepared for leadership positions in local, state, and federal government agencies, as well as in nonprofit organizations and the environmental divisions of private corporations. They are well suited for the roles of analyst, manager, and translator of scientific knowledge and for designing cost-effective programs and implementing policies.  
**Webpage:** [http://mpaenvironment.ei.columbia.edu/](http://mpaenvironment.ei.columbia.edu/)

**University:** Adelphi University (Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Environmental Studies)  
**Location:** Garden City, NY  
**Degree Offered:** Master’s of Science in Environmental Studies  
**Level:** Masters  
**Type:** Campus  
**Program Description:** The Masters of Science in Environmental Studies is comprised of 36 credits of course work, incorporating classroom, laboratory, field opportunities and an optional thesis or internship. An optional culmination in a thesis provides additional flexibility for the student with more specific career or educational goals. Full time students can anticipate three semesters of 12 credits each. Field classes, internships, and research are also offered during the summer months.  
**Webpage:** [http://academics.adelphi.edu/artsci/env/](http://academics.adelphi.edu/artsci/env/)

**University:** The New School  
**Location:** New York, NY  
**Degree Offered:** Master of Science in Environmental Policy and Sustainability Management, Post-Master’s Certificate in Sustainability Strategies  
**Level:** Masters  
**Type:** Campus  
**Program Description:** The new master of science degree in Environmental Policy and Sustainability Management is designed to prepare a new generation of management professionals and policy analysts who understand the importance of ecological, financial, and social sustainability to organizational success and effective public policy. Graduates will be equipped to define and implement sustainability policies for institutions and communities.

The program addresses intersecting challenges such as global climate change, natural resource depletion, financial sustainability, and technological innovation. It emphasizes urban ecology, leadership for change, cross-sector collaboration, joint training of managers and analysts, design as a key element of sustainability, critical perspectives on institutions, and systemic linkages among environmental, social, and economic issues. The distinctive master of science curriculum promotes the integral relationship of sustainability competencies supported by the unique resources of The New School, which include well-known graduate programs in urban policy analysis, organization change management, and economics, and research centers such as the Tishman Environment and Design Center.  

**University:** State University Of New York, College At Plattsburgh  
**Location:** Plattsburg, NY  
**Degree Offered:** Professional Science Master’s in Environmental Science (M.S. in Natural Science)  
**Level:** Masters  
**Type:** Campus  
**In State:** $8,870  
**Out of State:** $15,160
Program Description: The Professional Science Master's provides training in leadership/business skills as well as in-depth science coursework so that graduates may pursue environmental agency or private industry careers. The degree includes 9 credit hours in leadership skills and 15 credits in science coursework, as well as a 6 credit applied internship with a program partner. Internship partners include the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Adirondack Park Agency, and regional private industry.

Webpage: http://www.plattsburgh.edu/academics/naturalscience/index.php

University: Pratt Institute  Location: Brooklyn, NY
Degree Offered: MS in Environmental Systems Management; MS in City and Regional Planning; MS in Historic Preservation
Level: Masters  Type: Campus

Program Description: The 40-credit MS in Environmental Systems Management joins technical expertise to policy analysis based on a commitment to environmental and social justice. It provides students with the skills needed to build and preserve sustainable urban communities, and prepares them to take on a range of roles as planners, architects, engineers, developers, researchers and advocates, collaborating with environmental scientists, policymakers and communities. Faculty include practitioners working with urban environmental issues like brownfields, the siting of waste facilities, environmental justice, urban agriculture, and sustainable transportation.

Webpage: http://www.pratt.edu/academics/architecture/new_environmental_systems_management/urban_environmental_systems_management_ms/

University: Bard College  Location: Annandale on Hudson, NY
Degree Offered: MBA in Sustainability
Type: Campus

Level: Masters

Program Description: Success in sustainable business requires mastery of core business fundamentals. Green companies have to execute around product quality and performance, efficient operation, sound financial management, deep employee engagement, responsible and effective marketing, creative responses to changing economic conditions, flexible strategy, and continuous innovation. Students in the Bard MBA program receive rigorous training in these core areas. But unlike other business schools, all of our classes are taught through a sustainability lens.

In courses on Leadership and Operations, on Marketing, Finance, Economics and on Strategy, students are constantly challenged to integrate three goals: profit, continuous reduction in ecological impact, and stakeholder engagement. We explore how this process can create a new kind of company, one that can underpin the development of a sustainable, global economic system. Learn more about how business fundamentals are deeply integrated with sustainability in Bard’s unique MBA curriculum.

Bard’s MBA also helps students develop business skills through real-world engagement. Our NYCLab program involves first-year students in a year-long, closely mentored consultancies with area businesses or nonprofits, focused on solving pressing business issues faced by these companies. Students also have the option of pursuing internships while enrolled in the program.

Webpage: http://www.bard.edu/cep/

University: Pace University  Location: White Plains, NY
Degree Offered: around a dozen Certificate Masters, Masters, MBA and Joint Degrees offered all dealing with Environmental Law
Level: Masters  Type: Campus

Program Description: Since 1978, Pace Law School has provided an internationally acclaimed environmental legal education. Our dedicated faculty have been pioneers in developing and implementing environmental law and continue to serve as national and world leaders in the field. Our alumni are at work in law firms, government environmental agencies,
corporations, nonprofit organizations, and law schools and universities across the country and around the world. We offer nearly 50 environmental law courses. Our students can research cutting-edge areas of the law through our on-campus Center for Environmental Legal Studies, Energy & Climate Center, and Land Use Law Center for Sustainable Development. Students can choose from unparalleled prospects to develop their skills internationally and through on-the-job practical externships. We are the only one of the top three environmental law programs less than an hour away from New York City and two hours away by air from Washington, DC., providing students with easy access to these practice opportunities.

Webpage: http://www.pace.edu/school-of-law/environmental-law-program

**West**

**University:** University of Colorado (Sturm College of Law)  
**Location:** Denver, CO

**Degree Offered:** Master of Resources Law Studies, Certificate of Environmental and Natural Resources Law  
**Level:** Certificate Masters  
**Type:** Campus  
**In State:** $26,000  
**Out of State:** $26,000

**Program Description:** You may customize your course of study, depending upon your goal to work internationally, within the United States, or both. The College of Law offers over forty courses in these advanced degree programs, divided equally between international and domestic issues. There are no required courses, so you may customize your degree by selecting any approved courses. Some of our courses are as follows: Renewable Energy Policy and Markets, Sustainable Development, Global Warming, Renewable Energy and Project Development, Environmental Law, Natural Resources Law, International Human Rights, International Law, Economics of Natural Resources, Energy Law, Mining Law, Oil and Gas Law, International Petroleum Law, International Mining Law, Comparative Environmental Law, European Union Environmental Law, and Sustainable Development of Natural Resources. You can also choose to do an externship and obtain practical experience in the field of your choice. Students in the program have pursued externships at the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), NREL (National Renewable Energy Laboratory), Governor's Energy Office, and a variety of private firms and NGO’s.

Webpage: http://www.law.du.edu/index.php/enrgp

**University:** Colorado School of Mines  
**Location:** Golden, CO

**Degree Offered:** MS-Environmental Science and Engineering, PhD-Environmental Science and Engineering  
**Level:** Masters  
**Type:** Campus

**Program Description:** The ESE Division offers a multidisciplinary environmental science and engineering program. Graduate students in the program come from diverse academic backgrounds in such fields as life sciences, earth sciences, chemistry, and many engineering disciplines. The Division's faculty are equally interdisciplinary in their research interests, and they teach basic as well as applied science and engineering. The ESE curriculum integrates science and engineering within existing legal, economic, and regulatory constraints and prepares students to find creative solutions to diverse environmental challenges.

Webpage: http://www.mines.edu/SocialandManagementSciences_GS

**University:** University of California, Santa Barbara  
**Location:** Santa Barbara, CA

**Degree Offered:** PhD-Economics; PhD-Environmental Science and Management  
**Level:** Doctorate  
**Type:** Campus

**Program Description:** The Economics and Environmental Science (EES) Training Program at UCSB is a doctoral level multidisciplinary training program in the field of environmental economics. The goal is to establish expertise in economics and a companion field of natural science such as marine science, climatology, hydrology or applied ecology. Students prepare for careers in a number of professional settings including academia, government, and consulting. The EES Training Program usually takes 5 years to Ph.D. degree completion. The goal of the first half of the EES program is to establish expertise, primarily through coursework, in economics and a companion field of natural science.

Webpage: http://www.bren.ucsb.edu/academics/phd.html
University: Lewis and Clark Law School
Location: Portland, OR
Degree Offered: J.D. Environmental Law, LL.M. Environmental Law, Joint J.D./LL.M. Environmental Law
Level: Masters
Type: Campus
Program Description:
J.D. Environmental Law – At Lewis & Clark, law students studying for the J.D. degree can take a few environmental law classes or they can emphasize environmental and natural resources law by earning a special certificate presented at graduation along with the degree.
LL.M. Environmental Law – Lewis & Clark’s LL.M. in Environmental and Natural Resources Law offers excellent preparation for practicing, teaching, or policy-making in the environmental and natural resources law field.
Joint J.D./LL.M. Environmental Law – Lewis & Clark Law School is pleased to announce the launch of a new joint J.D./LL.M. degree program in environmental law — the only joint J.D./LL.M. program in environmental law in the nation. The joint degree is designed for Lewis & Clark law students who would like to obtain both a J.D. degree and a post-J.D. (Master’s) LL.M. degree in Environmental and Natural Resources Law.
Webpage: http://law.lclark.edu/programs/environmental_and_natural_resources_law/

Midwest

University: University of Minnesota
Location: Minneapolis, MN
Degree Offered: Master of Science in Science, Technology and Environmental Policy
Level: Masters
Type: Campus
In State: $15,954  Out of State: $23,036
Program Description: Master of Science in Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy (MS–STEP) prepares both scientists and engineers to seek solutions to complex issues involving policy analysis and promotion or regulation of science and technology regionally, nationally, and internationally.
Students learning to understand the role of science, technology, and the environment in our society, particularly in relation to its economic growth, health, environment, education, and national security. Coursework in policy analysis and design for the appropriate promotion and regulation of science and technology regionally, nationally, and internationally.
The MS–STEP program requires 40 semester credits, including approximately 21 required core credits. Six additional credits are taken to complement your previous training. Chosen in consultation with your adviser, about half of your program credits are made up of electives that provide the knowledge and skills you need to advance your career goals.
Webpage: http://www.hhh.umn.edu/degrees/ms_step/index.html

Program Description: “Our Master’s of Public Policy (MPP) degree prepares students to be leaders who design, manage, and advocate for better policy solutions. An MPP degree is a professional discipline that seeks to solve public problems through policy analysis and design, program and project management, and community and public advocacy. The MPP degree brings together political science, economics, statistics, management, and other social science disciplines to shape policies and programs at the local, national, and international levels.”

University: University of Wisconsin
Location: Madison, WI
Type: Campus
Description: Providing information on the background of Environmental Law and the many possible applications of study in this area, this website offers advice on courses to be included with a law degree being obtained at the University of Wisconsin.
Webpage: http://law.wisc.edu/academics/curriculum-guides/environmental.html

University: Northwestern University
Location: Chicago, IL
Type: Campus
Program Description: Northwestern Law offers a dynamic, interdisciplinary approach to environmental law that takes full advantage of the law school's relationship with the scientific and environmental communities of Chicago. At the
Law School itself, Northwestern offers a broad range of core and upper-level courses, ranging from the fundamentals of environmental and natural resources law to advanced topics in sustainability, energy, international environmental law, and climate change.

**Webpage:** [http://www.law.northwestern.edu/academics/concentrations/environmental/](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/academics/concentrations/environmental/)

**Description:** Clean air and water, cleanup of hazardous waste sites, safe drinking water, green technology, climate change, and renewable energy all are issues pursued by the Northwestern University School of Law Bluhm Legal Clinic's Environmental Advocacy Center. Cases are led either by the Center or conducted in partnership with the Environmental Law and Policy Center of the Midwest (the region's premier environmental advocacy and legal organization). Students in this Center are responsible for driving environmental solutions through a broad range of strategies: litigation, administrative proceedings, legislative and rule-making proceedings, public advocacy, and media. “We are a nontraditional Center,” says director Nancy Loeb. “In environmental law, it is rare that one approach will work. Our students learn to advocate via strategic thinking, determining all the ways to frame a question and to pursue multiple forms of advocacy to accomplish our goals.” Working with attorneys, scientists, economists, and legislative experts, and by participating directly on cases and in a weekly seminar, students learn to assess environmental issues and develop and implement solutions.

**Webpage:** [http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/environmental/](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/environmental/)

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**Southeast**

**University:** University of Kent  
**Location:** Canterbury, AL  
**Degree Offered:** LLM-Environmental Law and Policy  
**Level:** Certificate Masters  
**Type:** Campus  
**Program Description:** The protection of the quality of the environment and the ecosystems which it supports are amongst the most momentous challenges which confront humanity. Law clearly has a vital role to play in this enterprise by requiring industries and individuals to work towards greater sustainability in the use of natural resources and to have proper regard for the quality of water, air and land.

The LLM in Environmental Law and Policy provides detailed knowledge of the role of legal instruments as a means of giving effect to environmental policy at national, European Community and international levels. The issues are approached from an interdisciplinary perspective, involving an understanding and evaluation of the effectiveness and limitations of law as a means of protecting and enhancing the environment. The programme as a whole offers both intensive coverage of broad-based environmental principles in a legal context and advanced training in specialised areas of interest.

Environmental law is a major concern in many aspects of legal practice and government. The programme gives an excellent foundation for those intending to become env

**Webpage:** [http://www.kent.ac.uk/law/postgraduate/taught/environmental.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/law/postgraduate/taught/environmental.html)

**Degree:** Environmental Social Science MSc  
**Program Description:** This interdisciplinary programme introduces you to social science perspectives on environmental issues. It draws on sociology, politics, social policy, anthropology and law. The dissertation is a chance for you to make a specialised study of a topic that interests you, and we encourage first-hand research. The programme is suitable for graduates with a wide range of first degrees.

**Webpage:** [http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/postgrad/subjects/environmental-social-science/environmental-social-science-msc](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/postgrad/subjects/environmental-social-science/environmental-social-science-msc)
**Degree:** Environmental Social Science MSc, MPhil, PhD  
**Description:** Research programmes involve writing a thesis on a particular topic with specialist supervision. You are given research training, which is tailored to the particular needs of your research and takes into account any training you have previously received. You also have opportunities to attend modules on relevant subjects on a non-assessed basis to fill any gaps in your background.

We offer research supervision across a broad range of topics. We are especially interested in applications that include proposals to investigate the social dimensions of environmental issues in the countries in which we have area expertise, and topics in environmental politics and environmental movements.

**Website:** [http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/postgrad/subjects/environmental-social-science/environmental-social-science-msc-mphil-phd](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/postgrad/subjects/environmental-social-science/environmental-social-science-msc-mphil-phd)

**International**

**University:** University of Melbourne - Melbourne School of Land & Environment  
**Location:** Parkville, Victoria, Australia  
**Degree Offered:** Master of Environment - Climate Change  
**Level:** Masters  
**Type:** Campus

**Program Description:** Climate change mitigation and adaptation are increasingly being integrated into business management, government policy and technology design. These require knowledge across a range of fields including international conventions, strategic government and business policy, climate science, energy technology, economic analysis and management. Effective solutions necessitate a new generation of policymakers, managers and scientists equipped with a multi-disciplinary understanding of climate change issues. This major is designed for students seeking an interdisciplinary perspective on climate change, for work in policy-making or business advisory roles.

Graduates should be well-placed to offer leadership through: a solid understanding of both theoretical and practical applications of policy and science; technological limits, potentials and risks; and the expanded possibilities available through addressing a wide-ranging global environmental issue from a multi-disciplinary perspective. Additionally, the Climate Change major presents an opportunity for students to establish networks with fellow climate change professionals across a range of disciplines.