

Environmental Science and Policy

MS in Environmental Science and Policy (Thesis Track)

Program of Study & Degree Audit Verification

PURPOSE OF THIS FORM: This document serves as your official academic plan for the Master of Science in Environmental Science and Policy (Thesis Track - 30 total credits minimum).

- **Submission Deadline:** Must form a supervisory committee and submit this program of study to the ESP Graduate Office for approval within the first 9 credits of coursework or by the end of the second semester, whichever comes first.
- **Phase 1 (Working Plan):** Fill out completed courses and planned future coursework.
- **Phase 2 (Final Graduation Audit):** Update during your final semester so that all listed courses match your official GMU Degree Audit and transcript 100%.

Student & Program Information

Submission Type:	☐ Phase 1: Working Coursework Plan ☐ Phase 2: Final Graduation Audit (As Completed)
Revision Date:	_____ (Update for each phase)
Student Name & G#:	Name: _____ G#: _____
Admission Term & Advisor:	Term/Year Admitted: _____ Advisor: _____

1. MS Core Requirements (15 Credits Total)

Select at least one course from each core category below:

Category	Course Options	Selected Course # & Title	Term/Year	Credits
Natural Science Core	EVPP 518, 542, 549, 581, or 607			3
Policy and Social Science Core	EVPP 530, 534, 642, 670, or 675			3
Methods Core	EVPP 585, 630, 651, CONS 560, or CONS 625			3
Transdisciplinary & Professionalism Core	EVPP 505 Career Development for Environmental Scientists	EVPP 505 Career Development for Environmental Scientists		3
Seminar (3 cr total)	EVPP 692 (Master's Seminar in ESPP)			1
	EVPP 991 (Adv. Seminar in Env. Science)			2

2. Electives (9–11 Credits)

Complete 9–11 credits of EVPP-prefixed courses selected in consultation with your supervisory committee.

Course #	Title	Term / Year	Credits

3. Research Requirement (3–9 Credits)

Select 3–6 credits from EVPP 797 (1-3 credits/semester for a maximum of 3 credits) and EVPP 799 (1-6 credits/semester for a maximum of 6 credits). Must take at least 3 credits of EVPP 799 to graduate.

Course #	Title	Term / Year and Number of Credits
EVPP 797	Master's Thesis Proposal	
EVPP 799	Master's Thesis in Environmental Science and Public Policy	

Program Credit Summary

Requirement Category	Required Credits	Completed / Planned Credits
1. MS Core Courses	15 Credits	
2. Electives	9–11 Credits	
3. Research Requirement (EVPP 797/799)	3-9 Credits	
TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS REQUIRED (30 minimum)		

Signatures & Approvals

By signing below, the student and supervisory committee approve this program of study as a valid plan meeting departmental MS Thesis degree requirements.

Student Signature: _____	Date: _____
Faculty Advisor / Committee Chair Signature: _____	Date: _____
Committee Member Signature: _____	Date: _____
Committee Member Signature: _____	Date: _____
Graduate Program Director Signature: _____	Date: _____