**Environmental Science and Policy**

**PhD in Environmental Science and Public Policy (EVPP)**

**Program of Study *– start date prior to Fall 2024***

***Coursework Proposal – A planning tool for you and your advisor***

***Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ G# \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Admitted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Advisor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***Emphasis: \_\_\_ Environmental Science (ES) \_\_\_ Environmental Policy (EP)***

**Natural Science Courses *(EP-12 credits; ES-24 credits)***

***Environmental Science (ES) Emphasis requires you to take 24 credits in this section***

**Course # Title Semester Credits MS**

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**Public Policy Courses *(ES-12 credits; EP-24 credits)***

***Environmental Policy (EP) Emphasis requires you to take 24 credits in this section***

**Course # Title Semester Credits MS**

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| **EVPP 670 or****PRLS 501** | **Environmental Law or** **Natural Resources Law** |  | 3 |  |
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**Research Methods and Technology Courses *(6 credits)***

**Course # Title Semester Credits MS**

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**Doctoral Seminar *(4 credits) - must be taken before advancing to candidacy***

**Course # Title Semester Credits MS**

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| EVPP 991 | Adv. Seminar in Environmental Science |  | 2 |  |
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**Supervised Internship/Practicum *(3-12 credits – optional)***

**Course # and Title Semester Credits**

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| EVPP 894  | Supervised Internship *(3-12)* |  |   |

**Electives *(5-17 credits)***

**Course # Title Semester Credits**

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**Doctoral Dissertation Proposal and Research**

**Course # and Title Semesters Credits**

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| EVPP 998  | Doctoral Dissertation Proposal *(1-6)* |  |  |
| EVPP 999  | Doctoral Dissertation Research *(12-24)* |  |  |

**SUMMARY**

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| **Courses** | **\*Residency Requirement 37 credits - After Admission only** | **Non Degree/Transfer**  | **Masters (MS)** |
| Natural Sciences |  |  |  |
| Public Policy |  |  |  |
| Research Methods & Technology |  |  |  |
| Seminar |  |  |  |
| Internship or Electives |  |  |  |
| Dissertation (998/999 – Combined) (minimum 12- maximum 24) |  |  |  |
| **SUBTOTAL** |  **42** | **(30) credit reduction** |
| **TOTAL** | **72** |

**QUALIFYING EXAMS**

**Written – Date passed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Oral – Date passed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

**Reduction of Credits (from a previous master’s degree):** Courses previously taken as part of a previous master’s degree can be used for a reduction of credit. A maximum of 30 credits can be transferred to your program of study.

**Emphasis**: Beyond the basic 12 hour natural science/public policy requirements, a student’s program of study will emphasize either *environmental science or environmental public policy*. Students focusing on *environmental science* should take an additional 12 credits (for a total of 24 credits) in natural science; those focusing on *environmental public policy* should take an additional 12 credits (for a total of 24 credits) of public policy course work.

**Advancement to Candidacy Checklist:** To advance to candidacy, you must 1)submit this approved program of study; 2)submit an approved proposal; 3)submit signed signature page; 4) have completed all of your coursework; 5) must have passed written and oral qualifying exams; 6) must have submitted a committee formation form; 7) must have submitted your reduction of credit form (if you qualify)

**Continuous Registration Requirement and Doctoral Dissertation Research (DDR) Full-Time Equivalent Status Form:** Once you have advanced to candidacy, you must remain continuously registered for dissertation credits (EVPP 999). To qualify for the DDR form, you must initially register for a minimum of 3 credits per semester until you reach the required number of credits for the degree (72). To graduate, you must complete no less than 12 and no more than 24 credits of EVPP 998/999 combined. **Six credits must be taken as EVPP 999.** **You may NOT move down to 1 credit of EVPP 999 until AFTER you have completed all 72 credits. *The dissertation and defense must be completed a total of nine years from the date of first enrollment in the doctoral program!***

**Residency Requirement:** Residency is defined as credits taken after being admitted to the program at George Mason University. The minimum number of residency credits is 37 (more than half of 72)**.** These can be taken as dissertation credits, but the **maximum credits of 998/999 are 24**. If you have to take more than 24, then you must take more coursework. Consortium courses are considered part of the residency requirement.

***This Program of Study form is the official form that is required to advance to candidacy and graduate.***