**Environmental Science and Policy**

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

**Program of Study *– Fall 2024 and beyond***

***Required to Advance to Candidacy and to Graduate***

***Name*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  ***G#*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Semester and Year Admitted*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***Advisor*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Emphasis (enter “X” in blank): \_\_\_ Environmental Science (ES)*** *\_\_\_* ***Environmental Policy (EP)***

List course numbers, titles, and semesters taken in the tables below. If you took the course during a MS degree program, place an “X” in the “MS” column. List courses taken from the **Doctoral Core (DC)** lists in the University Catalog on the rows where “Credits” = “**3 DC**” to have the course count for that credit (you may also have taken that credit during your MS program). If the number of credits for a course is not “3,” please enter the correct number of credits. The **Transdisciplinarity and Professionalization** course counts as an elective. This PoS form must match your Mason Degree Audit, Transfer of Credits (TOC) form, and unofficial transcript. Send to the ESP Grad Office ([espgrad@gmu.edu](mailto:espgrad@gmu.edu)) early in the semester you want to Advance to Candidacy (ATC) for approval. Then your Committee signs this after the exams are done. Return to the ESP Grad Office to submit with your ATC packet.

**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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|  |  |  | **3 DC** |  |
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|  |  |  | *3 ES* |  |
|  |  |  | *3 ES* |  |
|  |  |  | *3 ES* |  |

**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 |  |
|  |  |  | **3 DC** |  |
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|  |  |  | *3 EP* |  |
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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 DC** |  |
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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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|  | Career Development for Environmental Scientists |  | 3 |
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**Doctoral Dissertation Proposal and Research *(12-24)***

**Course # and Title Semesters Credits**

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| EVPP 998 | Doctoral Dissertation Proposal |  |  |
| EVPP 999 | Doctoral Dissertation Research (*min. 3)* |  |  |

**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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**SIGNATURES (required)**

**Student \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Dissertation Committee (required)**

**Chair \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Graduate Program Director \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**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 within two years of admittance to the PhD program. Complete the ESP Transfer of Credit (TOC) Worksheet in ESP Graduate Forms (<https://science.gmu.edu/academics/departments-units/environmental-science-policy/graduate-programs/forms>) and send it and your transcript(s) to the ESP Grad Office for approval by the ESP Graduate Program Director. Then complete the [Transfer of Credit (Graduate)](https://registrar.gmu.edu/forms/graduate/) form (scroll down list to find it), which will be automatically sent for approvals and submitted to the Registrar.

**Emphasis**: Beyond the basic 12-credit hours of 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) have submitted a signed Committee Formation form; (2) have submitted your Transfer of Credit (Graduate) form (if you qualify for reduction of credits); (3) have completed all of your coursework; (4) have passed written and oral qualifying exams; (5) submit this approved program of study; (6) submit an approved proposal; and (7) submit the signed proposal signature page after your Dissertation Proposal Defense. ***The Advancement to Candidacy deadline is six years after the date of first enrollment in the PhD program.***

**Continuous Registration Requirement and Doctoral Dissertation Research (DDR) Full-Time or Half-Time Equivalent Status Form:** Once you have advanced to candidacy, you must remain continuously registered for dissertation credits (EVPP 999) per GMU Academic Policy (AP) AP.6.1.2. To be considered a full-time doctoral student, you must register for a minimum of 3 credits per semester. However, you may reduce your EVPP 999 credits to 1 per semester. You must initially register for a minimum of 3 credits in the first semester you enroll in EVPP 999 until you reach the required minimum number of credits, 6 for EVPP 998 (up to 12 credits of EVPP 998 may count toward your degree) and 3 for EVPP 999. To graduate, you must complete no less than 12 and no more than 24 credits of EVPP 998/999 combined. **You may NOT move down to 1 credit of EVPP 999 until AFTER you have completed 9 credits combined of EVPP 998 and 999. *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 that will count toward your degree are 24**. Students should plan to take 48 credits of coursework, including 36 credits of natural science or public policy courses, which can include directed studies (EVPP 693, up to 8 credits) and directed research (EVPP 793, up to 6 credits) courses to start their research (e.g., literature reviews, special topics needed to understand pertinent issues, methods development). Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area courses are considered part of the residency requirement. Contact the ESP Graduate Program Director for more information.

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