

# Planning and Environmental Policy B.A.

## Advising Major Guide for Huxley on the Peninsulas

### **Why should I consider a major in Planning and Environmental Policy ?**

Do you want to use your knowledge and skills to promote positive change in the environment? Do you love solving problems and implementing shared visions in both natural settings and urban communities? Are you interested in the laws and policies that govern environmental change? Then Environmental Policy is the major for you.

### **What is the study of Planning and Environmental Policy?**

This program prepares students to enter professional fields concerned with the sustainability of the

human and natural environment. The Policy track is an in-depth study of public policy development, law and the methods and processes of policy decision making. The elective component for Huxley on the Peninsula policy students consists of some Environmental Science courses.

Graduates of this major have assumed positions in city, county, tribal and state planning offices, non-profit organizations, and public relations for governmental agencies.

### **Contact information**

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### **Sample Career Fields**

Urban Planner	State, County, City, Tribal Planner	Director of Non-Profit Org.	Environmental Advocate
Environmental Lawyer*	Environmental Public Relations	National Park Service	Industry Planner
Sustainability Coordinator	Environmental Consultant		

\*This field requires additional education

## WHAT SHOULD YOU BE DOING? HAVE A PLAN? HERE IT IS. . .

<b>Huxley Pre-major Freshman &amp; Sophomore Year</b>	<b>Huxley Major Junior Year</b>	<b>Huxley Major Senior Year</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit with Program Manager for Huxley on the Peninsulas for a two year pre-major plan.</li> <li>• Complete Associate Transfer Degree.</li> <li>• Complete Huxley Preparatory Coursework while earning Associate Transfer Degree.</li> <li>• Get involved in environmental issues and groups. Volunteer for environmental organizations.</li> <li>• Apply to Western Washington University Extended Education and Huxley College on the Peninsula.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with Program Manager to complete your Plan of Study.</li> <li>• Meet with the Faculty advisor and discuss:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• electives</li> <li>• internships/senior project</li> <li>• career vs. graduate education</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Take core courses Fall quarter: ESTU 304, ESCI 325, and major course.</li> <li>• Research careers and graduate education</li> <li>• Plan and apply for internship/senior project by the end of Spring quarter.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete internship/senior Project</li> <li>• Meet with Program Manager to refine Plan of Study.</li> <li>• For graduate school, take GRE exam and apply to graduate programs.</li> <li>• Two quarters before graduation, meet with Program Manager and faculty Advisor for Major Evaluation.</li> <li>• For Spring Graduation, apply by first week of December.</li> </ul>

### **Applying as a Planning and Environmental Policy Major**

Once you have completed or are completing an Associate Transfer Degree and required preparatory courses, fill out a Western Washington University *Extension Undergraduate Application* and a Huxley College of the Environment *Extension Program Application*. Applications are due by April 1. Contact the Program Manager, Nancy Bluestein-Johnson for applications or [http://admissions.wwu.edu/transfer/x\\_apply.html](http://admissions.wwu.edu/transfer/x_apply.html) for Western's Extension Application. The Huxley College application, also, requires a brief essay and a list of relevant experience.

## Planning and Environmental Policy Major Overview: 85 credits

### Required Preparatory Courses:

Chemistry 121L or 161L	General Chemistry	5 credits
Biology 101 with Lab	Introduction to Biology	5 credits
Additional Lab Science	Chemistry, Biology, Geology, Physics, or Zoology	5 credits
Math 114, or 156	Precalculus or Algebra with Apps to Busi/Econ	4-5 credits
Math 281	Statistics	4-5 credits
Geography/Geology	Physical Geography or Geology	4-5 credits
Economics 202	Microeconomics	4-5 credits
Political Science	Any Political Science Course	5 credits

**Plus completion of Associate Transfer Degree**

#### Huxley College Core (23 credits minimum)

##### Ecological Processes:

ESCI 325 Fundamentals of Ecology 3 credits

#### Applied Environmental Science: One of the following

3-4 credits

ESCI 321 Oceanography (4)  
 ESCI 330 Natural History of the Pacific NW (4)  
 ESCI 361a Water Quality (3)

#### Approved Capstone Course:

ESTU 436 Environmental Impact Assessment 5 credits

#### One from the following:

10-15 credits minimum

ESTU 498a Senior Thesis (10-15)  
 ESTU 498b Internship (10-15)  
 ESTU 498c Senior Project (10-15)

#### Planning and Policy Core (20 credits)

ESTU 304 Environment and Resource Policy 4  
 ESTU 369 Introduction to Planning 3  
 ESTU 436 Environmental Impact Assessment 5  
 ESTU 466 U.S. and Washington State Environmental Regulations 4

#### Policy Requirements (19-20 credits)

ESTU 464 United States Environmental Policy 4  
 ESTU 465 International Environmental Policies 4  
 ECON 383 Environmental Economics 4  
 ESTU 468 Environmental Law 4  
 ESTU 420 Environmental Politics 5

#### One of the Following:

ESTU 441 Parks and Protected Areas 3  
 ESTU 475 Native American Planning & Natural Resource Policy 3

#### Electives: 23-26 credits

23-26 credits of upper division electives (or electives to equal a total of 85 credits) under program director advisement.

ESTU 445 Puget Sound Research (3 credits)	ESCI 329 Energy and the Environment (3 credits)
ESTU 444 Environmental Dispute Resolution (4 credits)	ESCI 392 Introduction to Global Change (3 credits)
EGEO 350 Introduction to GIS (4 credits)	ESTU 417 Introduction to Grant Writing (1 credit)
ESCI 432 Topics in Marine Ecology (4 credits)	ESCI 429 Stream Ecology (5 credits)
Emergency Management Courses online	

#### Resources

Huxley Website: <http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~huxley/>  
 Huxley College Advising Page: <http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~huxley/advising/>  
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