An all-around better approach to a master’s degree

- The program fits the needs of both part-time and full-time students. Many graduate courses are offered once weekly in the evening or at other times convenient for working individuals.
- The University offers modern and well-equipped facilities that support research and study in environmental science and policy areas.
- Computers throughout campus enable access to advanced geographic information system (GIS) and statistical and modeling software tools.
- Field sites available for research include five University-managed natural areas and a permanent UW-Green Bay forest research site in northern Wisconsin (Wabikon Forest Dynamics Plot) managed by the U.S. Forest Service as part of the Smithsonian Institution’s Global Earth Observatory Network.
- The newly remodeled Laboratory Sciences building houses a suite of analytical equipment, highlighted by a variety of gas chromatographs, an ICP emission spectrometer, and a CamScan scanning electron microscope. The Laboratory Sciences building also has a walk-in climate-controlled chamber, a large, three-bay greenhouse, and a boathouse on the shore of Green Bay.
The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay’s Environmental Science and Policy program is appropriate for students with interests in the scientific and/or public policy aspects of complex environmental problems. It provides a course of study that prepares its graduates for positions in scientific, technical and administrative organizations and agencies. The program’s core focuses on identification and analysis of environmental issues and on developing interdisciplinary approaches and solutions to problems. The program offers four areas of emphasis: Ecosystems Studies, Environmental Technology and Analysis, Environmental Policy and Administration and a Personal Program of Study. The program offers both Teaching and Research Assistantships on a competitive basis to the most qualified applicants.

The UW-Green Bay Environmental Science and Policy graduate program prepares skilled and imaginative problem-solvers for positions in government, non-profit organizations, academic institutions, and private industries. This unique program accommodates a broad range of interests, including traditional ecological sciences, applied environmental technology, and emerging issues in environmental policy.

### Program Description

Each student’s prior academic background is evaluated by a program admissions committee when he or she applies. Admission to the Environmental Science and Policy graduate program requires a student to have a baccalaureate degree, completed the equivalent of a basic undergraduate course in statistics, and submitted current GRE general test scores. Students with a background in both policy and science will be given preference in admission decisions. Each area of emphasis requires different skills and preparation; therefore, additional prerequisites vary.

### Admission Requirements

**BACHELOR’S**
- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution

**3.0 GPA**
- GPA of 3.0 measured on a 4.0 scale for the final two years of study

**TOEFL**
- International students must be prepared to submit a minimum score of 550 on the paper test or 213 on the computer based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

**APPLICATION**
- A completed application form and the current fee

**STATEMENT**
- A 200-300 word statement describing principal areas of academic interest, capabilities, experience, and reasons for pursuing the M.S. degree

**TRANSCRIPTS**
- Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each previous college or university attended, sent directly to UW-Green Bay from these institutions

**LETTERS**
- Three letters of recommendation from persons who can assess the prospective student’s academic potential

**GRE/GMAT**
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) general test scores less than five years old. Scores will be used in conjunction with the required materials to better assess preparation

### Program Curriculum

#### the 34-CREDIT CURRICULUM consists of

**REQUIRED CORE COURSES**

- (7 total credits)
  - Perspectives in Environmental Science and Policy
  - Graduate Seminar (1 cr)
  - Seminar in Environmental Science and Policy

**SCIENCE COURSE OPTIONS**

- (choose one 3-credit course)
  - Ecosystems Management
  - Landscape Ecology
  - Waste Management and Resource Recovery
  - Resource Management Strategy

**POLICY COURSE OPTIONS**

- (choose one 3-credit course)
  - Public Policy Analysis
  - Environmental Policy and Administration
  - Environmental Law
  - Environmental and Resource Economics

**THESIS**

- Thesis (1-6 cr)

**AREAS OF emphasis**

- ECOSYSTEMS STUDIES (15-16 cr)
- ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY AND ANALYSIS (15 cr)
- ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION (15-16 cr)
- PERSONAL PROGRAM OF STUDY (15 cr min)

Area of emphasis courses must total at least 15 credits, unduplicated by the program core.