Welcome to SEAS!

Admitted Student Visit Day

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At the University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability (SEAS), we are at the forefront of building a more sustainable and just world for all by transforming the impact of higher education and reimagining the future. We are advancing action through innovation, research, education and engagement in society, and developing leaders who are empowered to halt the climate crisis and create an environmentally sound future for generations to come.

Situated within the nation’s top public research university, the University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability (SEAS) has been a pioneer in environmental education, research, and activism for more than a century.
Program Goals

Our Environmental Policy and Planning field of study focuses on building the professional skills to design and implement effective policies and plans while considering the human and institutional behaviors that underlie environmental problems.

A diverse set of policy issues and problem areas
- Climate, energy
- Water
- Urban sustainability, food
- Environmental justice
- Protection of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems

Planned Social Change
- By understanding and influencing behavior and decision-making relating to stewardship and sustainability
- Promoting adoption/implementation of public policies, plans & programs
- Use of innovative economic, political, and spatial tools
- Design and facilitation of collaborative decision-making processes
EPP Faculty and Friends

- Anthropology
- Sociology
- Political science
- Economics
- Psychology
- Organizational behavior
- Public Administration
- Planning
- Conflict resolution
- Communication
Professional Education

Engaged learning, case-based teaching, COP Conferences, Wege Lecture
About the Curriculum

Sample Courses
- Environmental Policy, Politics & Organizations
- Water Policy; Climate Adaptation Policy
- Negotiation & Mediation
- Environmental Economics
- Climate Economics; Water Economics; Economics & Environmental Justice

Master's Project or Thesis
- 16-month group project
- Real client
- Real problem
- Professional learning
- Giveback to society

SEAS and EPP Core
- SEAS
  - Natural and social systems
- EPP
  - Policy: Political & economic analysis
  - Planning: Political & spatial analysis

Dual Degrees
- Other U-M schools
  - Law
  - Public Policy
  - Business
  - Engineering
  - Education
Dual Degrees

Environment & Sustainability
MS

+ Master of science in engineering (MSE)
  Master of business administration (MBA)
  Master of urban and regional planning (MURP)
  Master of science in public policy (MPP)
  Juris doctor (JD)
  Self-initiated dual degrees
Careers: Public Sector

Federal Policy
- Mary Repko– US Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works
- Sara Tucker– Natural Resource Results

Elected Officials
- Joe Tate– Speaker, Michigan State House of Representatives (Detroit)
- Suzanne Jones- Mayor, Boulder CO

Public Sector
- Kirsten Howard- NH Coastal Zone Prgm
- Colin Hume- Wash Dept of Ecology

Federal Agencies
- Steph Bertaina– EPA Sustainable Communities
- Sarah Tomsky– US Forest Service
- Lauren Wenzel– NOAA
Careers: NGOs

**Advocacy**
- Peter Aengst – The Wilderness Society
- Wendy Adams – The Conservation Fund
- Jenn Rennicks – Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
- Juliana Pino, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization

**Land Trusts & Collaboratives**
- Mary Adelzadeh- Blue Ridge Berryessa Partnership
- Liz Munn & Mariana Velez- The Nature Conservancy
Careers: Other

Academia
- Bill Sullivan - U Illinois
- Clare Ryan - U Washington

Mediation Firms
- Diana Portner - Meridian Institute
- Linda Manning - The Council Oak

Foundations
- Geoff Brown – Pew Charitable Trusts
- Becky Taylor - Gates Foundation

For Profits
- Steve Lippman - Microsoft
- Eric Winfield - Ford Motor Co
Career Outcomes

- 95% Satisfied with post-grad position
- 96% Job seekers found full-time jobs
- 90% Found position within 6 months
Supportive Community

Largest living alumni body of any university

12,600+ Total alumni, the largest graduate population of any environmental degree program

33% Of SEAS alumni have received a dual degree from another one of U-M’s nationally ranked top 10 programs

Alumni Are represented in all 50 states and 80+ countries
Ann Arbor
University of Michigan

- 51,000 students (19,000 grad/prof students)
- 3,100 tenure-track faculty; 6200 total faculty
- 260 degree programs
- 101 Top Ten graduate programs
- 17 professional schools – low walls
The Mitten
Come join us!

Enrollment deadline April 15
Questions?

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