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he Global Environmental Politics program focuses on the challenge of responding to environmental degradation. It aims to understand the causes of environmental harm and the ways that humanity can build a more sustainable world. Housed within the School of International Service, the program studies the bio-physical dimensions of environmental issues as well as the socio-economic and global political processes that shape the relationship between human beings and the natural environment.

The program hosts two Masters of Arts degrees of study.

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The MA program in Global Environmental Policy (GEP) places students in the heart of environmental politics and policy in Washington, D.C. Through core seminar courses, electives, internships, a substantial research project and a myriad of public events, students learn about and engage with the forces that shape global and international environmental behavior.

At the heart of the degree is a tripartite course of study in which students focus on natural science, economics and policy studies to build an integrated understanding of environmental politics and policy. The curriculum reflects the understanding that the field includes more than governmental action, and thus focuses on the many dimensions of international cooperation and diplomacy, civil society networks, community organization, environmental ethics, international political economy, and environmental justice.

The relatively small size of the program enables students to work closely with faculty and fellow students and allows them to tailor their studies to personal interests and career goals. Our graduates work in almost every significant governmental agency in the US and in environmental ministries abroad. Our alumni are making their careers in the major environmental NGOs in the US and around the world, and in the environmentally focused private sector. The GEP degree offers an intensive, coherent immersion in global environmental policy and prepares students for a broad range of career options.

SAMPLE CAREER AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Asociacón Coordinadora Indígena y Campesina de Agroforestería Comunitaria Centroamericana - ACICAFOC
- · Association of Zoos and Aquariums
- Center for American Progress
- · Chemonics
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- Conservation International
- Earth Justice Legal Defense Fund Environmental Defense
- Global Environment Facility
- Green Building Council
- · Greenpeace International
- Inter-American Development Bank
- International Finance Corporation
- Millennium Challenge Corporation National Geographic
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

- National Parks Conservation Association
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- Nature Conservancy
- Sierra Club
- The Climate Group (China)
- Toledo Institute for Development and Environment - TIDE
- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- White House Council for Environmental Quality
- Woodrow Wilson Center
- World Bank
- Worldwide Fund for Nature



Filming in the Galapagos



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NATURAL RESOURCES AND SUSTAINABLE

The Natural Resources and Sustainable Development (NRSD) program offers students the opportunity to study at and receive degrees from both American University and the United Nations-affiliated University for Peace in Costa Rica. It is unique in that students learn about environmental and development policies from the perspectives of both the global South and North. American University, in Washington, D.C., is uniquely situated to do this through its strengths in international development, global environmental policy, and economics, while The University for Peace, in San Jose, Costa Rica, provides unparalleled opportunities to take courses and gain practical experience in sustainable development and natural resources management.

This two-year program trains graduates to advance sustainable development at the local, regional and global levels, to facilitate international cooperation in the design of sustainable development and environment policy, and to generate strategies for environmental conflict management. Alumni of the program work at environment and development organizations throughout the world—in the public, not-for-proft, and private sectors. The NRSD program trains students to wrestle with challenges at the interfaces between environmental degradation, social justice, and economic development. Courses are taught in English, but Spanish language is taught through the program and is useful for the summer internship in the field.



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