

B.A. or B.S./MPP (MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY) 5-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAM



Preparing people to lead extraordinary lives

The combined knowledge of environmental studies, science, and public policy provides a strong foundation for those interested in careers as analysts and advocates dealing with environmental challenges. The need for individuals with literacy and skills relevant to both environmental science and public policy has never been greater. Some of the complex challenges facing society that occur at the interface of environmental science and public policy include: energy, water, sustainable agriculture, conservation, ecological restoration, climate change mitigation and adaptation, transportation, brownfields redevelopment, and open space planning.

The programs begin with a broad, interdisciplinary undergraduate curriculum drawing on courses in the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and business. Undergraduate service-learning, internships, research, and study abroad provide students with rich, experiential learning opportunities. Students then develop more in-depth understanding of policy issues and the professional skills necessary to influence policy outcomes as part of their graduate studies. A graduate internship, practicum classes, and professional development seminars provide extensive field experience for students.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission requires: students are of Junior standing, have declared an undergraduate major in Environmental Policy, Environmental Studies, or Environmental Science, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3, and a 3.5 GPA in five upper-level classes for the major.

Students apply on-line at: www.luc.edu/gpem/index.html. Submit a personal statement and 3 letters of recommendation—at least 2 of which are from IES or affiliated faculty within the student's major. No GRE test scores are necessary.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To complete the B.A. Environmental Studies/MPP, B.A. Environmental Policy/MPP or B.S. Environmental Science/MPP program, students take 50-55 credit hours in their respective undergraduate major plus 37 Master of Public Policy credit hours. Nine MPP courses are requirements, including a 1-credit Professional Development course; four additional courses are electives. Twelve credits (4 courses) will be counted toward both the undergraduate and graduate degree. Students receive their B.A. or B.S. degree at the end of their fourth year when they have completed all undergraduate degree requirements. They receive the MPP degree at the end of their fifth year or when they have completed all graduate degree requirements.

MAPPING A COURSE PLAN

A typical progression of a five-year dual degree student is shown in below. A variety of courses can fulfill the undergraduate dual degree requirements. Consultation with your advisor will be necessary to develop a specific course plan for your studies.

Students in their senior year typically will take two MPP classes and two upper-level IES courses that have been approved by their advisor. The remaining MPP requirements will be taken in the fifth year, with four MPP courses taken each semester. The required internship can be completed in the summer following the fifth year, with degree conferral in August, if the student chooses.

General BA or BS/MPP Degree Course Plan

	<i>Fall</i>	<i>Spring</i>
<i>Senior Year</i>	Examples of possible undergraduate courses (take one as part of the dual program): ECON 328 or PLSC 392 or ENVS 380 or COMM 306 or PLSC 354 One of the following graduate courses: MPP 400—Policy Design OR MPP 404—Policy Process	Examples of possible undergraduate courses (take one as part of the dual program): ECON 328 or PLSC 392 or ENVS 380 or COMM 306 or PLSC 354 One of the following graduate courses: MPP 403—Public Budgeting OR MPP 408—Political Feasibility Analysis
<i>Graduate Year</i>	MPP 405 – Statistical Analysis I* MPP 401 – Analytical Tools MPP 502 – Professional Dvlpmt (1 credit) MPP 400—Policy Design OR MPP 404—Policy Process MPP elective (3 credits)	MPP 406—Statistical Analysis II * MPP 500—Policy Evaluation MPP 501—Internship MPP 403—Public Budgeting OR MPP 408—Political Feasibility Analysis

*Students taking any upper level statistics courses in their bachelor program are encouraged to discuss with their IES advisor the possibility of taking 400-level courses, which can be substituted for MPP 405 and/or MPP 406 with approval.