

Graduate Certificate in Environmental Assessment

Industries ranging from architecture, engineering and public policy require continued professional education for a variety of roles. The environmental assessment certificate provides certified specialization that professionals in these and other fields can add to existing credentials. Those in the field of environmental assessment identify possible environmental effects of a project or program, propose measures to decrease adverse effects and predict those effects. This certificate can be completed in its entirety online, or with an elective course option taken on campus.

Admission to Graduate Studies

An applicant seeking to pursue graduate study in the College may be admitted as either a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking student. Policies and procedures of Graduate Studies govern the process of Graduate admission. These may be found in the Graduate Studies (<http://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies/>) section of the online catalog.

Please consult the Departments & Programs (<http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/>) section of the online catalog for information regarding program-specific admissions criteria and requirements. Special admissions requirements pertain to Interdisciplinary Studies degrees, which may be found in the Graduate Studies section of the online catalog.

Graduate Admission

Individuals interested in applying to the Graduate Certificate in Environmental Assessment should have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in one of the following areas: natural, physical, or applied sciences, engineering, or related fields, OR coursework of at least 20 credit hours in the natural and applied sciences (biology, chemistry, geology, physical geography, environmental sciences, or engineering).

For those without the necessary background courses in undergraduate science, some additional coursework would need to be completed prior to the start of the graduate certificate program. Additional contact information can be found at the **KU Edwards Campus website**.

Individuals who are not already enrolled as KU graduate students must complete an application to Graduate Studies (<https://gradapply.ku.edu/apply/>) for admission into the certificate program and submit an application fee along with the following materials:

- A Statement of Interest in the environmental assessment certificate program. This 1-2 page narrative should summarize your education, employment history, your long-term career goals, and how this certificate will help you achieve these goals.
- Official undergraduate transcript.
- A letter of recommendation from someone familiar with your academic work or qualified to offer judgment on your ability to undertake graduate-level work (former professor or instructor, workplace supervisor).

Current KU graduate students wishing to enroll in the Graduate Certificate in Environmental Assessment program will apply through the Graduate School. A student must be in good standing with their graduate degree program in order to participate in the certificate program. Awarding of

certificates will be handled consistent with guidelines and timing of degree awards of the Graduate School. Completion of the certificate will appear on the graduate transcript. KU graduate students should submit the following materials:

- A Statement of Interest in the environmental assessment certificate program and its relationship to your graduate course of study.
- An unofficial copy of your KU transcript.
- A letter of support from your graduate degree program (your advisor or graduate director).

For more information on admission to a graduate certificate program at KU, see the policy on Admission to Graduate Study (<http://policy.ku.edu/graduate-studies/admission-to-graduate-study/>). Applications may be submitted at <https://gradapply.ku.edu/apply> (<https://gradapply.ku.edu/apply/>).

Certificate Requirements

The Certificate in Environmental Assessment is designed for graduates of bachelor's programs in physical/natural sciences, environmental studies, civil/environmental engineering or related fields who are currently employed in private firms, public agencies, and not-for-profit organizations that address a range of environmental issues. Key foci in the science curriculum of this program are environmental impact assessment; soils, water, and ecosystems science; geospatial analysis; environmental health and policy; and an understanding of environmental law and policy and the regulatory environment.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
EVRN 611	Water Quality, Land Use, and Watershed Ecosystems	3
EVRN 616	Environmental Impact Assessment	3
EVRN 721	Environmental Regulation and Policy	3
1 graduate-level elective, preferably in EVRN, selected in consultation with the advisor		3
Total Hours		12