

Graduate Certificate in Environmental Studies

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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

Prospective 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:

To submit an application, proceed to <https://gradapply.ku.edu/apply> (<https://gradapply.ku.edu/apply/>) and search for the Graduate Certificate in Environmental Studies and submit required materials.

Applicants must include a cover letter to the Environmental Studies Graduate Director explaining their interest in the certificate and how interdisciplinary training in Environmental Studies helps meet individual goals in research and training. A graduate GPA of 3.0 or higher is required, but provisional admittance can be granted for one semester to new graduate students.

The student's advisor must also write a letter of recommendation and the student must complete the coursework planning form (pdf) (<http://esp.ku.edu/sites/esp.drupal.ku.edu/files/docs/EVRN%20Grad%20Cert%20Coursework%20Plan.pdf>) and return it to the Environmental Studies Program office (215 Lindley).

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/>). Submit your graduate application online (<http://www.graduate.ku.edu/>)

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Required coursework:

- **EVRN 700 The Anthropocene: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Environmental Change** (3) Have human activities become so pervasive that we have initiated a unique human epoch of earth history? This introductory, interdisciplinary graduate seminar will explore this question while examining the ways that different disciplines approach the understanding of environmental change, its impact on natural and human systems, and how these understandings have changed over time.
- EVRN 915: Capstone (3)

Elective coursework

- Two graduate-level elective courses with at least 50% environmental content, approved by the student's advisor and the Environmental Studies Graduate Director (6).

Scholarships

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