



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND PLANNING

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR



HANDBOOK FALL 2018



Bachelor of Arts in Public and Urban Affairs
Major in Environmental Policy and Planning (EPP)

— **UT PROSIM**



Environmental Policy and Planning at Virginia Tech

Promoting sustainable human interaction with the natural environment continues to be one of the critical challenges facing societies around the world. While science and technology are critical to meeting this challenge, they must be supported by policies and plans responsive to diverse political, economic, sociocultural, institutional, and regulatory contexts. The Environmental Policy and Planning (EPP) major provides students with the interdisciplinary knowledge and skills needed to function as policymakers and planners who can understand complex environmental issues and develop enduring solutions.

EPP majors will be able to show competency in their ability to:

- Articulate how values are contested during agenda setting and framing within the environmental policy process
- Analyze how environmental policies are implemented at national and sub-national levels
- Evaluate how environmental policies are governed across sectoral and jurisdictional boundaries
- Work collaboratively to produce key environmental planning documents at multiple scales, such as site plans and comprehensive plans

EPP majors will be employed with:

- Local, state, and federal governments
- Domestic and international nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations
- Planning and engineering consulting firms
- Real estate developers
- Private industry

EPP majors will pursue graduate study in:

- Urban planning and design
- Government and public policy
- International affairs and development
- Law
- Business
- Education
- Architecture
- Landscape architecture
- Construction management



Road Map for the Environmental Policy and Planning Major

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SAMPLE Academic Plan for students graduating calendar year 2022

Total of 120 credit hours needed for

	PUA Degree Core		EPP Major Core
	CLE/Pathways		EPP Major Elective

Fall Semester Freshman 2018	Credits	Spring Semester Freshman 2019	Credits
ENGL 1105 (Discourse Path)	3	ENGL 1106 (Discourse Path)	3
UAP 1024	3	ENSC 1016 (Natural Sciences Path)	3
ENSC 1015 (Natural Sciences Path)	3	MATH 1014 (Q&C Thinking)	3
PSCI 1014	3	Pathways Humanities (student choice)	3
PHIL 1304 or 2304 (Humanities Path)	3	Free Elective	3
UAP 1004	1	---	---
TOTAL	16	TOTAL	15
Fall Semester Sophomore 2019	Credits	Spring Semester Sophomore 2020	Credits
ECON 2005 or AAEC 1005 (Social Science Path)	3	ECON 2006 or AAEC 1006 (Social Science Path)	3
SPIA 2554	3	STAT 3604 (Q&C Thinking advanced)	3



UAP 3354	3	UAP 3744	3
UAP 3714	3	Pathways Discourse Adv (student choice)	3
Pathways Q&C Thinking (student choice)	3	Pathways Design and the Arts	3
SPIA 2114	1	---	---
TOTAL	16	TOTAL	15
Fall Semester Junior 2020	Credits	Spring Semester Junior 2021	Credits
UAP 4754	3	SPIA 3354	3
UAP 3014	3	UAP 4344	3
UAP 4374	3	UAP 3224	3
EPP Major Elective	3	Pathways Equity/Identity (student choice)	3
Pathways Design and the Arts	3	Free Elective	3
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
Fall Semester Senior 2021	Credits	Spring Semester Senior 2022	Credits
UAP 4354	4	UAP 4914	3
EPP Major Elective	3	EPP Major Elective	3
Free Electives	9	Free Electives	6
TOTAL	16	TOTAL	12



The Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) Accelerated Program

The Urban Affairs and Planning Program (UAP) and the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) offers an accelerated program that enables students to earn credit toward a Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) degree while they are completing the requirements for their Bachelor of Arts in Public and Urban Affairs with a major in Environmental Policy and Planning (EPP). This (4+1) five-year program provides qualified students with a unique opportunity to advance in the field of urban and regional planning.

Criteria for Admission:

Application: VT Graduate School application submitted by end of junior year

Minimum GPA: 3.5 cumulative

Test score requirements: None

Please contact your undergraduate advisor (Chris LaPlante) for more information.

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Useful Websites

Hokie Spa: <http://hokiespa.vt.edu/>

VT-Blacksburg Campus Map: http://www.maps.vt.edu/PDF/main_campus_map.pdf

SPIA Undergraduate Page: <https://www.spia.vt.edu/undergrad>

Timetable Calendar: <https://registrar.vt.edu/dates-deadlines-accordion/index1.html>

Pathways Course List: <https://www.pathways.prov.vt.edu/about/table.html>

Undergraduate Catalog (see Academic Policies): <http://www.undergradcatalog.registrar.vt.edu/>

Important Forms: <https://www.caus.vt.edu/academics/resources/forms/>

Undergraduate Research Opportunities at VT:
https://www.research.undergraduate.vt.edu/ugr-opportunities/SearchforOpportunities_1.html

Clubs and Organizations at VT: <https://gobblerconnect.vt.edu/organizations>

Student Employment at VT:
<https://www.hr.vt.edu/jobs/prospective-employees/student-employment.html>

VT Financial Aid Office (for info regarding student loans, scholarships, etc.): <https://finaid.vt.edu/>

VT Registrar's Office (for info regarding transfer/AP credits, transcripts, etc.): <https://registrar.vt.edu/>

VT Career and Professional Development: <https://career.vt.edu/>

Schiffert Health Center: <https://www.healthcenter.vt.edu/appointments.html>

Cook Counseling Center: <https://www.ucc.vt.edu/>

VT Student Engagement and Campus Life: <https://campuslife.vt.edu/>