

# ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY & PLANNIN MAJOR

B.A. and B.S.



Environmental Policy & Planning majors investigate the social science and policy dimensions of environmental and sustainability problems.

#### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Explore the complex web of economics, politics, culture, and behavior in order to address the most pressing environmental issues of our time. The interdisciplinary Environmental Policy & Planning (EPPL) major prepares students to tackle environmental problems through action, advocacy, and compliance. Choose from one of two tracks below to prepare for careers in a variety of fields:

- > **PLANNING TRACK.** The planning track provides tools for working in city, county, or regional planning, and land and resource use assessment. Students will take courses focusing on urban planning, natural resource economics, transportation systems, and sustainability.
- **POLICY TRACK.** The policy track offers training for positions in the public and private sector with a focus on public policy and environmental economics. Drawing on political science and geography, students will understand policy outcomes, environmental impacts, and be prepared for careers in the public and private sector

#### **INTERNSHIPS & EMPLOYMENT**

Metropolitan Planning Organization of Johnson County •
Trailnet • Iowa Department of Transportation • Des Moines
Water Works • Relief International • HDR • Moxie Solar • Zebra
Technologies • SSP Innovations • Urban Wildlife Network •
Kiewit • Solar Spectrum • U.S. House of Representatives •
Northwest Associated Consultants • Sunrun • Chicago Metro
Agency for Planning • Procter & Gamble • Blue Raven Solar

#### Career

#### **Possibilities**

#### Include

- Sustainable Policy Advisor
- Transportation Planner
- Energy Advisor
- Environmental Lawyer
- > City Planner
- > Zoning Code Officer
- > GIS Analyst
- > Environmental Consultant
- Land Management Technician
- Water Quality Coordinator
- > Policy Specialist



#### GET IN TOUCH!

Schedule a campus visit

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#### Get program details

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## EPPL @ IOWA

#### HANDS-ON LEARNING

A wide array of opportunities and resources are available to Environmental Policy & Planning students interested in gaining research, fieldwork, and professional experience.

- > GIS RESEARCH LAB. The Geographic Information Systems Instructional Lab (GISIL) is a state-of-the-art computer lab used to teach GIS, cartography, and remote sensing. The GISIL also supports field-based educational activities using mobile GIS software, UAVs, and GPS to collect and analyze data.
- > UNDERGRADUATE-TO-GRADUATE 5-YEAR
  BACHELOR'S & MASTER'S PROGRAM. The U2G
  program gives Environmental Policy & Planning
  students the option to earn both their bachelor's
  degree and Master of Science degree in Urban &
  Regional Planning in five years. Students save time
  and money on graduate school and are competitive
  on the job market with professional credentials
  and experience to enter the field of Planning.
- > RESEARCH & INTERNSHIPS. Partnerships with groups on campus like the Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates, Public Policy Center and state organizations like the Iowa Environmental Council, our students have many opportunities to get involved with research and to gain professional experience working in the field.

## CLASSES YOU MIGHT TAKE:

> Intro to Sustainability

- > Foundations of GIS
- > Environmental Impact Analysis
- > U.S. Energy Policy in Global Context
- > Planning Livable Cities
- > Environmental Justice
- > Regional and Urban Economics
- > American Public Policy

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