

# MASTER OF ARTS ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES



## GRADUATE STUDIES



### Program Description

The Master of Arts (MA) in Environmental Studies prepares students for careers and leadership positions in Environmental agencies (local, state and federal), consulting firms and non-government organizations dedicated to protecting the environment or for study in a doctoral program. The program focuses on educating students in the application of scientific information to policy analysis and management decision-making. Students may choose an emphasis, within fields including human populations and their interactions with the environment; effectiveness of environmental analysis and protection institutions; and analysis and resolution of the pressing environmental issues faces by modern society. Additional information available at <https://www.fgcu.edu/cas/departments/mes/envirostuma/>

### Admissions Requirements

- FGCU graduate application
- Official academic transcripts from every college or university attended
- Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) official scores
- GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale in the last 60 hours of upper level undergraduate coursework
- Cover letter of introduction including your academic, career goals and research interests
- At least three letters of recommendation from people familiar with your academic and research potential and/or professional experience
- International students must have a satisfactory score on the TOEFL exam (minimum score of 550 paper-based, 213 computer-based, or 79 internet-based) for students from countries where English is not the primary language

Satisfaction of minimum University and program requirements does not guarantee admission to a graduate program. Applicants should check with the program for the most up to date admission requirements prior to commencing the application process.

### Prerequisite Courses

- General Biology w/ lab
- Environmental science (e.g. Environmental Chemistry or Geology)
- Environmental Policy or related professional experience

### Application Deadlines

Fall – February 15

### Graduate Full-Time Student Cost of Attendance

Expenses	Florida Resident	Non Florida Resident
<b>Tuition and Fees</b>	\$6,720	\$23,412
<b>Books and Supplies</b>	\$1,200	\$1,200
<b>Room and Board</b>	\$9,672	\$9,672
<b>Estimated Total Cost</b>	\$17,592	\$34,284

The in-state tuition cost for FGCU is \$373.38 per credit hour.

The out-of-state tuition cost for FGCU is \$1,300.66 per credit hour.

Tuition & Fees figures are based on a graduate student taking 9 graduate credit hours per term for 2 terms (Fall & Spring).

For more details, visit: [fgcu.edu/Graduate/Financing-graduate-studies](http://fgcu.edu/Graduate/Financing-graduate-studies)

### Program Details

#### Credit Hours Required in Major – 36 Credit Hours

#### Core Courses (12 credits)

- EVR 6322 Con App Sustainability (3)
- EVR 6825 Environ Program Evaluation (3)
- EVS 6941 Environmental Practicum I (3)
- EVS 6942 Environmental Practicum II (3)

### Contact Information

Office of Research and Graduate Studies

[fgcu.edu/graduate](http://fgcu.edu/graduate) • Phone: (239) 590-7988 • Fax: (239) 590-7843 • Email: [graduate@fgcu.edu](mailto:graduate@fgcu.edu)

### **Restricted Electives (24 credits)**

#### One of the following:

OCB 6635 Estuarine Ecology (3)  
PCB 6064C Advanced Ecology (3)

#### Two of the following:

EVR 5925 Environmental Education (3)  
EVR 6237 Natural Resource Management (3)  
EVS 6937 Environmental Policy (3)  
URP 5316 Land-Use Planning (3)

#### One science graduate-level course (3 credits)

Approved course that employs or exemplifies the scientific method and addresses some aspect of environmental science. Possible courses include:

EVR 5068C Microbial Ecology (3)  
EVR 5145 Ecotoxicology (3)  
GLY 5661C Conservation Paleobiology (3)  
OCB 6050 Biological Oceanography (3)  
OCG 6053 Coastal & Watershed Geol (3)  
PCB 5307C Limnology (3)

#### One career path graduate-level course (3 credits)

Approved course that emphasizes needed skill for the intended career path. Examples include computer modeling, GIS technology, educational methods, statistics, data analysis, and economics. Possible courses include:

EVR 6045C Data Analysis Enviro Science (3)  
GIS 5306C Advanced GIS: Spatial Analysis (3)  
PAD 5933 Proposal Writing & Grant Administration (3)  
STA 5355 Appl Mathematical Statistics (3)

#### Three courses of additional graduate-level courses (9 credits)

Courses must be approved. The following common graduate electives applicable to the MA Environmental Studies program. Courses are grouped in areas of interest:

##### *Management*

EVR 6877 Sustainability Human Systems (3)  
PAD 5142 Management of Non-profit Org (3)  
URP 5312 Growth Mgmt & Comp Planning (3)

##### *Policy*

EVR 6216 Sci Basis for Watr Qual Policy (3)  
PAD 5356 Environmental Policy & Ethics (3)  
PAD 5620 Environmental Law (3)

##### *Education*

EVR 5414 Interpreting the Environment (3)  
EVR 5925 Environmental Education (3)

~Above is a brief preview of the program content at the start of the 2019-2020 academic year. Information regarding program requirements and admissions are specific to a student's catalog year. This information is corrected or adjusted as needed. For more details, please review the University Catalog. <http://www.fgcu.edu/catalog/>

### **Contact Information**

**Office of Research and Graduate Studies**

**[fgcu.edu/graduate](http://fgcu.edu/graduate) • Phone: (239) 590-7988 • Fax: (239) 590-7843 • Email: [graduate@fgcu.edu](mailto:graduate@fgcu.edu)**