

Notice of VLGS Amendment to the Academic Regulations

Effective: Wednesday, November 27, 2024

Students Effected: Effective immediately upon approval by faculty.

Amendment Type: Revised Academic Regulations

Academic Regulation: MCEP and EMEP Programs

Amendment Description:

In sum, the proposed amendments:

- replace the Thesis/Practice Track options with the Capstone in Public Policy or Master's Externship courses for MCEP students; and
- change the required MCEP and EMEP Environmental Justice courses by combining the Structural Inequality course and the Fundamentals of Environmental Justice course into a new Equity and Environmental Justice course; and
- remove the required non-credit skills modules from the MCEP and EMEP programs, while folding this content into other required program components.

PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE

Below is the proposed revised MCEP program, with changes in red.

REQUIREMENT	COURSES THAT SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT
Required Courses	
CLM5200	Fundamentals of Climate Change (2)
EJU5110	Structural Inequality (1)
EJU5120	Fundamentals of Environmental Justice (2)
EJU__	Equity and Environmental Justice (3)
ENG5220	Environmental Economics and Markets (3)
POL5510	Introduction to Policy Research and Writing (3)
POL5520	Quantitative Analysis (2)
POL5530	Policy Design (3)
REQ7186	Legislation and Regulation Survey (3)
Required Non-Credit Modules	
EJU5100	Understanding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (0)
POL5100	Public Participation
POL5200	Professional Identity Formation (0)
POL5300	Negotiation and Consensus Building (0)
THESIS OR PRACTICE TRACK CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE	(at least one of the following; three credit minimum)
Thesis Track	
POL5700 and POL-5701	Thesis Seminar I (3) and Thesis Seminar II (1)
POL__ and POL__	Capstone in Public Policy I (3) and Capstone in Public Policy II (3) (on an environmental topic)
CLI9440	MCEP Externship (4-10) (JD students only)
Practice Track	
MCEP externship (4-10)	
Semester in Practice in environmental law and policy (12)	
CLI9302	Environmental Advocacy Clinic
CLI9318	Environmental Justice Clinic
CLI9321	Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic
CLI9427	Energy Clinic

CLI9428
CLI9433

Food and Agriculture Clinic
Transnational Environmental Practicum

Any MCEP student having completed a JD degree or enrolled in a JD degree program ~~may shall~~ have the Legislation and Regulation Survey and Introduction to Policy Research and Writing requirements waived. Although the requirements may be waived, the total number of credits required for degree completion remains unchanged.

Below is the proposed revised EMEP program, with changes in red.

REQUIREMENT

Required Courses

CLM5200

~~EJU5110~~

~~EJU5120~~

~~EJU__~~

ENG5220

POL5510

POL5520

POL5530

REQ7186

Required Non-Credit Modules

~~EJU5100~~

~~POL5100~~

~~POL5300~~

COURSES THAT SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT

Fundamentals of Climate Change (2)

~~Structural Inequality (1)~~

~~Fundamentals of Environmental Justice (2)~~

Equity and Environmental Justice (3)

Environmental Economics and Markets (3)

Introduction to Policy Research and Writing (3)

Quantitative Analysis (2)

Policy Design (3)

Legislation and Regulation Survey (3)

~~Understanding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (0)~~

~~Public Participation (0)~~

~~Negotiation and Consensus Building (0)~~

Proposed adopted date: immediately upon approval by faculty

Proposed effective date: May 1, 2025