The purpose of the Environmental and Sustainability Management Graduate Certificate is to prepare students to develop and manage environmental and sustainability initiatives and practices that will reduce, remove, and redress environmental impacts in various types of organizations. With courses offered by the College of Science (https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/science), the Schar School of Policy and Government (https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government), the School of Business (https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/business), and the Volgenau School of Engineering (https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/engineering), the proposed certificate provides students with a transdisciplinary perspective on environmental and sustainability challenges. Upon completion of the certificate program, graduates will be able to: 1) Identify environmental and sustainability management challenges in the private and public sector; 2) Recognize the mechanisms of public policy making that influence environmental and sustainability management decisions; and 3) Apply fundamental concepts in management science, environmental science, public administration, and management to craft and execute sustainability solutions.

Admissions & Policies

Note: as of catalog publication in April, the program described below has been approved by the Board of Visitors and sent to the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia for consideration as a new degree program. The university cannot accept applications or enroll students in this program until SCHEV approval has been granted.

Admissions

University-wide admissions policies can be found in the Graduate Admissions Policies (https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/science/environmental-policy/environmental-sustainability-management-graduate-certificate/#admissionspoliciesext) section of this catalog.

To apply for this program, please complete the George Mason University Admissions Application (https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now).

Applicants should have an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum GPA of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale). No specific undergraduate degree is required.

Policies

For policies governing all graduate programs, see AP6 Graduate Policies (https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies).