



Program Approval Form

For approval of new programs and deletions or modifications to an existing program.

Action Requested:

☐ Create New (SCHEV approval required except for minors)
☐ Inactivate Existing
☒ **Modify Existing** (check all that apply)
☐ Title (SCHEV approval required except for minors)
☐ Concentration (Choose one): ☐ Add ☐ Delete ☒ Modify
☒ Degree Requirements
☐ Admission Standards/ Application Requirements
☐ Other Changes: _____

Type (Check one):

☐ B.A. ☐ B.S. ☐ Minor
☐ M.A. ☐ M.S. ☐ M.Ed.
☒ Ph.D.
☐ Undergraduate Certificate*
☐ Graduate Certificate*
☐ Other: _____

College/School: College of Science **Department:** Environmental Science & Policy
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Effective Term: Fall 2015 **Please note:** For students to be admitted to a new degree, minor, certificate or concentration, the program must be fully approved, entered into Banner, and published in the University Catalog.

Justification: (attach separate document if necessary)

Executive Graduate Committee met on January 12, 2015 to change the PhD program degree requirements as it is related to Dissertation Research, Advancement to Candidacy, and Dissertation Research and Defense.

Program Title: (Required)

Title must identify subject matter. Do not include name of college/school/dept.

Concentration(s):

Admissions Standards / Application Requirements:

(Required only if different from those listed in the University Catalog)

Degree Requirements:

Consult University Catalog for models, attach separate document if necessary using track changes for modifications


Existing	New/Modified
Dissertation Research: However, no more than one half the credits specified for dissertation credit on the student's program of study may be taken as EVPP 998. EVPP 998 – Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Credits 1-6 (maximum of 12 credits) Advancement to Candidacy: students must advance to candidacy within six years of admission to the program. Dissertation Research and Defense: The dissertation and defense must be completed within five years of advancement to candidacy.	However, at least six of these credits must be taken as EVPP 999. EVPP 998 – Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Students must advance to candidacy within five years of admission to the program. The dissertation and defense must be completed a total of nine years from the date of first enrollment in the doctoral program.

Courses offered via distance:
(if applicable)

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED:

*For Certificates Only: Indicate whether students are able to pursue on a ☐ Full-time basis ☐ Part-time basis

Approval Signatures

 22 JAN 2015
Department: _____ Date: _____

College/School

Date

Provost's Office

Date

Required for Minors and Interdisciplinary Programs

If this program may impact another unit or is in collaboration with another unit at Mason, the originating department must circulate this proposal for review by those units and obtain the necessary signatures prior to submission. Failure to do so will delay action on this proposal.

Unit Name	Unit Approval Name	Unit Approver's Signature	Date

For Graduate Programs Only

Graduate Council Member	Provost Office	Graduate Council Approval Date
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<i>For Registrar Office's Use Only:</i> Received _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____		
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<i>revised 6/7/12</i>		

Program Proposal Submitted to the College of Science Curriculum Committee (COSCC)

The form above is processed by the Office of the University Registrar. This second page is for the COSCC's reference.
Please complete the applicable portions of this page to clearly communicate what the form above is requesting.

FOR ALL PROGRAMS (required)

Program Title: Environmental Science and Public Policy - PhD

Date of Departmental Approval: 12 January 2015

FOR INACTIVATED PROGRAMS (required if inactivating a program)

- Reason for Inactivation:

FOR MODIFIED PROGRAMS (required if modifying a program)

Existing Program Text:

- Dissertation Research: However, no more than one half the credits specified for dissertation credit on the student's program of study may be taken as EVPP 998.
- EVPP 998 – Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Credits 1-6 (maximum of 12 credits)
- Advancement to Candidacy: students must advance to candidacy within six years of admission to the program.
- Dissertation Research and Defense: The dissertation and defense must be completed within five years of advancement to candidacy.

Modified Program Text:

- However, at least six of these credits must be taken as EVPP 999.
- EVPP 998 – Doctoral Dissertation Proposal
- Students must advance to candidacy within five years of admission to the program.
- The dissertation and defense must be completed a total of nine years from the date of first enrollment in the doctoral program.

FOR NEW PROGRAMS (required if creating a new program)

- Reason for the New Program:
- Relationship to Existing Programs:
- Relationship to Existing Courses:
- Semester of Initial Offering:
- Insert Tentative SCHEV Proposal Below