WATER RESOURCES POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

A graduate minor in Water Resources Policy and Management for the master of science, master of arts, and doctor of philosophy degree programs is offered with specialization in the human dimensions of water resources policy and management. Seminars, readings, and conferences in water resources policy and management are offered by Water Resources Graduate Program and several affiliated departments.

The graduate minor options are structured around courses designed to broaden the student’s education in water resources policy and management. University departments that offer courses related to water resources policy and management include the departments of Applied Economics; Anthropology; Fisheries and Wildlife; Geosciences; Rangeland Ecology and Management; Statistics; and Zoology; the School of Public Policy; the School of Forest Engineering, Resources and Management; the School of Biological and Population Health Sciences; the College of Business Administration, and the College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences.

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Graduate Programs

Major

• Water Resources Policy and Management (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/graduate-school/water-resources-policy-management/water-resources-policy-management-ms)

Minor

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Water Resources Policy

WRP 501. RESEARCH. (1-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

WRP 503. THESIS. (1-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 999 credits.

WRP 505. READING AND CONFERENCE. (1-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

WRP 506. PROJECTS. (1-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

WRP 507. SEMINAR. (1-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

WRP 508. WORKSHOP. (1-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

WRP 509. PRACTICUM. (1-16 Credits)
This non-traditional class explores tools, models and concepts in the collaborative decision-making process in water resources. Emphasis is on group projects and self-directed practical application of community-based natural resources.
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

WRP 510. INTERNSHIP. (1-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

WRP 517. WRITING IN WATER RESOURCES. (4 Credits)
An intensive summer course to develop proficiency in writing at a graduate level for the wide range of writing tasks common to water resource professionals. Students will complete individual in-class writing assignments and collaborate on a draft of a technical report. While it is designed for students in the Water Cooperation and Peace joint degree program (many of whom will be international students) the course will also be useful for other students. Lec/rec.

WRP 521. WATER CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND TRANSFORMATION. (3 Credits)
Examines ways to work effectively in contentious water situations. Explores conflict tolerance, prevention, management, and transformation through collaborative structures as well as through models of negotiation and dialogue.

WRP 523. ENVIRONMENTAL WATER TRANSACTIONS. (3 Credits)
Covers the theory and practice of using water rights transactions to reallocate water rights to environmental purposes. Different transactional techniques and contexts appropriate to their use are presented through case studies primarily from the western United States, with some reference to the use transactions in other countries such as Australia.

WRP 524. SOCIOTECHNOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF WATER RESOURCES. (3 Credits)
Core curriculum, graduate-level course in the Water Resources Graduate Program focusing on an interdisciplinary approach to water resources research that integrates the human and the technological dimensions of water resource issues. It is comprised of lecture and discussion sessions with guest lectures by visiting seminar speakers.

WRP 544. MANAGING NATURAL RESOURCES FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION. (3 Credits)
Students will work through series of case studies in resource management to identify strategies and approaches that promote or prevent resilience in resource management. Students participate in discussions and hands-on activities in addition to the lectures and will prepare daily reflections, a final reflection and a final essay due one week after the end of the classroom sessions. This course will use a lecture and discussion format, and draw from the international expertise of the instructor and guest lecturers.

WRP 548. CONDUCTING COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS. (3 Credits)
Focuses on development of the abilities needed to complete a directed water-related collaborative project, delivered through experiential learning. The course specifically addresses development of collaborative skills needed to work in interdisciplinary teams. The course activities are centered around a collaborative project on which students will be conducting research, collecting data synthesizing information; and providing classmates with constructive peer-review. Lec/rec.
WRP 599. SPECIAL TOPICS. (1-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

WRP 808. WORKSHOP. (1-4 Credits)
Examines ways to work effectively in contentious water situations. Explores conflict tolerance, prevention, management, and transformation through collaborative structures as well as through models of negotiation and dialogue. 
This course is repeatable for 4 credits.