

Secondary Field Environmental Science and Public Policy

The secondary field in ESPP is designed to offer students in other concentrations in the natural sciences, social sciences and the humanities an opportunity to complement their studies with courses that provide perspectives in environmental science and related policy. The structure of the secondary field is intended to offer a range of course options that best address diverse student interests, while also providing a measure of breadth across the complementary areas of science and policy.

The tailoring of course selection will be done in consultation with an ESPP secondary field advisor. It is expected that most of the courses selected for the secondary field will be drawn from the list of current course options on the ESPP Secondary Field website, although substitutions may be possible with the prior approval of the ESPP Head Tutor.

Course Requirements

Students in the Class of 2016 or later are required to take five half-courses and also participate in a colloquium series. Students are required to take one foundational course and four additional upper-level courses. For the upper-level/advanced courses; two courses must be chosen from the Social Sciences & Public Policy and two courses must be chosen from the Natural Sciences & Engineering. For a complete list of course options, go to <https://espp.fas.harvard.edu/espp-secondary-field>

Additional Requirements

During each semester there are several opportunities for ESPP secondary field students to come together to explore various environmental topics through facilitated discussions. These discussions require preparatory readings and/or prior attendance at a public lecture on campus, and students are required to attend at least one session per semester once they have been accepted into the program.

Other Information

Substitutions with courses offered in Study Abroad programs, at the Harvard Summer School or any of Harvard's other schools may, with prior permission, count towards secondary field requirements. Freshmen seminars do not count toward secondary field requirements. All courses counting towards the ESPP secondary field must be taken for a letter grade. A grade of "C" or better is required for secondary field credit.

Students must declare their engagement in this secondary field no later than study card day of their sixth term. However, we encourage students to submit this form as early as possible following the submittal of a Declaration of Concentration form.

One junior seminar may be used in substitution for one of the social science / public policy requirements. Please note that ESPP junior seminars have limited enrollment and ESPP concentrators will be given preference. We anticipate there will be room for some secondary field students in most junior seminars.

Advising Resources and Expectations

Students who wish to pursue the secondary field are required to submit the following/attached registration form. Once the registration form is signed and approved, the student will be assigned a faculty advisor.

Application for Secondary Field Environmental Science and Public Policy

Instructions:

- Review the program requirements on the ESPP website and complete Sections I and II below
- Arrange to meet with the ESPP Head Tutor or program administrator to review your secondary field plan of study and to secure approval.
- Declare your secondary field on the my.harvard portal

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I. Student Information

Name	Class
Email	House
Concentration	Expected graduation date

II. Secondary Field Anticipated Course of Study

Please list the courses you plan to take to meet the requirements for the ESPP secondary field. Course options are listed here: <https://espp.fas.harvard.edu/espp-secondary-field>

Foundational Course (one half course):

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Upper-Level Courses (four half courses):

Two from social sciences & public policy and two from natural sciences & engineering

III. Approval/Signature

Head Tutor

Date