

## **Environmental Planning and Policy Pathway (courses can be taken in person or online) 12 credits**

This pathway is intended for students planning a career in Environmental Planning and Policy.

Environmental planning and policy is an interdisciplinary degree that focuses on human interactions with the physical and biological aspects of our environment, and, importantly, the planning and policy making that we do to protect the environment and the environmental services that humans depend on. At USM, our environmental planning and policy graduates also have a strong background in environmental science, which helps ensure good policy is driven by good science, and gives our graduates flexibility in their career choices.

### **Core courses: (Choose 2 courses)**

- ESP 101/102 Introduction to Environmental Science and Sustainability and Lab Credits: 3/1
- CHY 113/114\* - Principles of Chemistry I / Lab Credits: 3/1.5 \* this course has a math prerequisite
- ESP 125/126 Environmental Ecology and Lab Credits: 3/1

### **Possible electives: (Choose 2 courses)**

- ENG 100 College Writing Credits: 3
- MAT 120 Introduction to Statistics Credits: 4 \* this course requires a math placement test
- ESP 200 Environmental Planning Credits: 3

### **Career options:**

Environmental planning and policy graduates are able to develop careers in government, consulting agencies, and non-profit organizations. For example, students work in municipal sustainability offices helping towns to do conservation planning and climate change adaptation. Students also work in state and federal agencies such as the Department of Environmental Protection, the Maine Coastal Program, and other entities that create visions, policies and regulations for environmental protection. Finally, students obtain jobs working with non-profit organizations such as the Nature Conservancy, working on climate, environmental, energy, and related environmental issues.

You can learn more about Environmental Planning and Policy here at USM here:

[https://usm.maine.edu/academics/academic\\_programs/environmental-planning-and-policy/](https://usm.maine.edu/academics/academic_programs/environmental-planning-and-policy/)