

Sustainability and Climate Change Policy, Graduate Certificate (Boston)

This graduate certificate, a collaboration between the School of Public Policy and the School of Law, is designed to prepare students for the dynamic, evolving landscape of climate and sustainability policy. Interest in the area of climate and sustainability policy is expanding rapidly among graduate students in multiple programs throughout Northeastern University and among professionals who may be considering graduate coursework at Northeastern. This certificate provides students from multiple backgrounds an option for gaining interdisciplinary skills and perspectives in climate and sustainability policy. Given the growing need in every organization—including private sector, public sector, and nonprofits—for professionals with knowledge and training in how to respond to the rapidly changing policy and regulatory frameworks in climate and sustainability, this certificate is open to JD, master's, and PhD students throughout the university. Students not presently enrolled in a Northeastern degree program are also welcome to apply for admission to this graduate certificate program.

Academic Standing/Progress

Students in the program are monitored for academic progress. Those students whose grade-point average falls below a 3.000 are notified by and meet with the director of academic programs. They are counseled that if their GPA does not rise to a 3.000 or higher, they run the risk of not graduating and are advised on strategies for improvement.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

Core Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Policy		
Complete 12 semester hours from the following:		12
ENVR 5350	Sustainable Energy and Climate Solutions	
LAW 7329 and PPUA 6966 or LW 7329 and PPUA 6966	Environmental Law and Practicum Environmental Law and Practicum	
LAW 7634 and PPUA 6966 or LW 7634 and PPUA 6966	Energy Law and Policy and Practicum Energy Law and Policy and Practicum	
LPSC 7312	Cities, Sustainability, and Climate Change	
PPUA 5100	Climate and Development	
PPUA 5261	Dynamic Modeling for Environmental Decision Making	
PPUA 5264	Energy Democracy and Climate Justice: Technology, Policy, and Social Change	
PPUA 5267	Climate Policy and Justice	
PPUA 5268	International Environmental Policy	
PPUA 5270	Food Systems and Public Policy	
PPUA 6101	Environmental Science and Policy Seminar 1	
PPUA 6532	Building Resilience into Local Government	

¹ Students enrolled in Northeastern University colleges other than the School of Law should contact a School of Law advisor at lawstudentaffairs@northeastern.edu for guidance on registering for courses from the School of Law.

Program Credit/GPA Requirements

12 total semester hours required

Minimum 3.000 GPA required