



Environmental Conservation Education | M.A.

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Our interdisciplinary program in Environmental Conservation Education prepares graduates for environmental careers in the broad field of education. The curriculum draws on theory and practice to help students understand the role of education in solving environmental problems and prepare to assume leadership positions in environmental education.

What Distinguishes Our Program from Others?

- **Our Philosophy:** We believe that the best way to protect our environment and ensure its sustainability is to educate the public about environmental issues. Our program focuses on developing students' theoretical and practical skills in order to communicate effectively and to create and implement successful strategies for educating children, youth, and adults about the environment.
- **Our Students:** The program attracts people from around the country who have a demonstrated interest in environmental issues and/or education. Some have teaching experience or have volunteered or worked with organizations concerned with the environment, while others have recently completed undergraduate degrees in education, environmental studies, biological sciences, or related fields.
- **Interdisciplinary Focus:** Core courses are taught through a uniquely interdisciplinary lens and draw on politics, economics, philosophy, history, health, and sociology to analyze and understand environmental issues.
- **Our Internships:** Internships and field work provide students with real-world experience in environmental education.
- **Elective Offerings:** Students may individualize their program of study through a wide variety of elective courses.
- **Small Classes:** Seminar-style courses offer opportunities for discussion and engagement and individualized attention.
- **Flexible Schedules:** Evening, intersession, summer and study abroad courses enable students to study full or part time and gain global experience.
- **Our Affiliations:** Students take advantage of affiliations with Steinhardt's Science Education program, and the Wallerstein Collaborative for Urban Environmental Education, NYU's Wagner School for Public Service, as well as environmental organizations in the metropolitan area, including Black Rock Forest Consortium, a 3,800-acre forest preserve in Cornwall, New York and the Institute of Ecosystem Studies.

Degree Requirements

The 37-point program requires the completion of core courses, electives, an internship, and an ecology/science requirement. Full-time students typically complete the program in 3 semesters.

Required Courses (15 points)

- Foundations of Environmental Thought E15.2019
- Contemporary Environmental Debates E15.2020
- Environmental Politics E15.2021
- Environmental Education: Theory and Practice E15.2022
- Final Seminar in Environmental Conservation E15.2023I

Electives (13 points minimum)

Students may pursue courses in such areas as environmental justice, curriculum design, teacher education, ecology, wildlife education, non-profit management, youth education, policy, or sustainability.

Other Requirements

Internship in Environmental Conservation Education E15.2024

Two courses in ecology/related area

Completion of a final project (or thesis for those seeking to continue their graduate work).

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from accredited institution
- Strong undergraduate academic record
- A three to five page writing sample
- Two letters of recommendation

What can I do with an M.A. in Environmental Conservation Education?

Our graduates are prepared for a variety of careers. Alumni hold positions in city, state, and federal agencies, parks, nature centers, zoos, botanical gardens and non-profit organizations, and in public and private schools. Recent graduates are working at Wave Hill, Pace University, The New York Botanical Garden, The Rainforest Alliance, Solar One, the NYC Department of Sanitation, New York City Soil and Water Conservation District, Wildlife Conservation Society, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Others go on to law school or doctoral programs in environmental education or related fields. Our alumni have furthered their studies at Antioch, Columbia, Michigan State, Fordham, and York Universities. There are many career opportunities to explore through NYU's Wallerstein Collaborative.

Wallerstein Collaborative for Urban Environmental Education

The Wallerstein Collaborative provides a year-round program which stimulates public school teachers in the metropolitan New York City region to incorporate environmental education in their classrooms across all grade levels and curriculum areas. Partnerships with a wide range of formal and non-formal science institutions, environmental organizations, government agencies, and New York City schools provide opportunities for field-based teaching and learning.

www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/wallerstein

How to Apply

Visit www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/application to access the application or contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at 212 998 5030.

The application deadline is February 1 for fall admission.

All applicants are considered for the NYU Energy Watch Fellowship which supports highly talented M.A. students in Environmental Conservation Education Program who have strong leadership skills and a vision of how they will apply their academic training towards the solution of environmental problems. No separate scholarship application required; U.S. citizens or permanent residents only.

Further Information

Visit www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/teachlearn/environmental, call 212 998 5474, or send an email to steinhardt.ee@nyu.edu.



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