

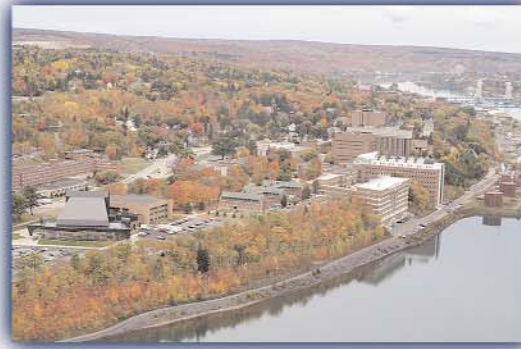
Practical Experience

Our Environmental Decision-Making class provides practical experience that prepares you for future professional work. The class involves studying and contributing to the decision-making process surrounding an environmental issue. Here are some examples of topics addressed in past decision-making classes.

Outreach and Analysis for the Ottawa National Forest—This class designed educational programs and conducted socioeconomic analyses for the Ottawa National Forest.

Development of a Community Guide for a Refinery—This group of students worked to improve the regulatory interface between industry, government agencies, and the public. They developed a community guide to a local oil refinery that could serve as a model for similar guides in other communities.

Assessment of a Local Recycling Program—This class assessed the effectiveness of an existing recycling program and recommended ways to strengthen it.



About Michigan Tech and Houghton

Michigan Tech, founded in 1885, has gained world-wide recognition for innovative education and scholarship.

Our graduate students receive intensive, advanced instruction and the opportunity to pursue wide-ranging research.

Houghton lies in the heart of Upper Michigan's scenic Keweenaw Peninsula. The campus overlooks Portage Lake and is just a few miles from Lake Superior. The area's expansive waters and forests, including the University's 600-acre recreational forest adjoining campus, offer students unparalleled opportunity for outdoor recreation.

Houghton has a population of 7,400 residents. The University's more than 6,600 students from many states and foreign countries make the area a vibrant multicultural community.

Houghton is rated the safest college town in Michigan and the eighth-safest in the nation. It also has been called one of the nation's top-ten summer sports areas, and one of the top-ten best places in the country to live.

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MS in Environmental Policy

- 🌐 *Multidisciplinary environmental faculty*
- 🌐 *Emphasis on citizen participation*
- 🌐 *Most students receive assistantships*
- 🌐 *Lake Superior for research and recreation*

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MS in Environmental Policy

The Degree

The Master of Science in Environmental Policy is a professional degree. Therefore, in your course of study, you will learn various concepts, strategies, and techniques for addressing contemporary environmental problems. The curriculum also strengthens your analytical skills and conceptual understanding of environmental issues and policies. As a result, many of our students have gone on to PhD or law programs. The faculty pays careful attention to your preparation for success as an environmental professional or researcher.

"As a result of my environmental policy master's degree, I was able to feel comfortable discussing [environmental] regulations and how they pertain to Forest Service management and planning the first day on the job . . . needless to say the boss was impressed."

—Cristi Corey
MS Environmental Policy 2002
Currently, Forest Planning
USDA Forest Service



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Degree Requirements

The MS in Environmental Policy requires 32 semester credits.

- At least 12 in nonthesis credit courses at or above the graduate (5000) level.
- No more than 12 credits at the undergraduate (3000-4000) level.

The program typically involves two years at Michigan Tech. During the first year, you take 16 credits of required courses covering environmental policies, decision making, and citizen participation. Most of the second year is devoted to concentration courses and to the project or thesis.

Concentration (6–9 credits)

In the second year, you and your graduate committee identify two courses (thesis option) or three courses (project option) that provide further depth in some aspect of environmental policy or related skills and techniques. The electives you choose, drawn from across the University, will be based on your particular skills and interests. For example, you might choose to concentrate in resource management, policy and regulation, environmental technologies, pollution, or environmental communication.

"My master's degree greatly contributed to both my GIS position and my decision to attend law school. The critical thinking and writing skills I took away from graduate school have already proven very beneficial as a first-year law student."

—Melissa Hornyak
MS Environmental Policy 2001
Currently, Cooley Law School
Specializing in Environmental Law



Project or Thesis (3–6 credits)

Much of the second year is devoted to your project or thesis, which will be completed under the supervision of your advisor and graduate committee. A master's project (3 credits) involves applying your skills to a real-world environmental problem. If you choose to write a thesis (6 credits), you will perform original research related to an environmental policy issue that interests you.