

Profile VS 2EP

Environmental Policy and International Relations

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1. Profile of the minor

The minor specialization Environmental Policy and International Relations is designed for students interested in economic and political aspects of environmental protection and sustainable development both in the international and national context. The minor specialization is also a part of a specialized elective track studied within the Master's program taught in English "International and Diplomatic Studies".

Study courses within this minor specialization offer insights from environmental economics and policy, sustainable management of natural resources and energy, international legal aspects in environmental protection, environmental conflict resolution, including negotiations, and multi-criteria analysis of environmental quality for international comparisons.

Graduates acquire skills that allow them to orient in depth in the environmental policies of companies, municipalities, states, European Union, and globally. They are able to understand and to apply the key principles of environmental protection and to support the promotion of sustainable development as one of the critical requirements in current world at any working position on the national and international levels.

Graduates are prepared to work in all areas of the environmental agenda:

- * In managerial positions in national and international companies,
- * In public administration bodies, including international institutions at European and global levels,
- * In nongovernmental organizations.

2. Outputs of learning

Expertise

Graduate:

- * Understands and is able to define basic principles of environmentally oriented development of society and environmental aspects of the development of the current domestic and global economy;
- * Understands the application of general knowledge about the economic/cost effectiveness in the area of costs and expenses for environmental protection;
- * Understand the basic functioning of the administrative and economic instruments in environmental policy enforcement at national and international levels;
- * Understands diversity of strategies and policies in the use of renewable and exhaustible sources of raw materials and energy at national and international levels;
- * Understands the interaction between actors in environmental policy and sustainable development as specific conflicts, and understands the limits of their solution through negotiation;

* Is familiar with the databases of information on environment and sustainable development at national and international level and are able to vote and to create aggregate indicators for the needs of their own analyzes.

Vocational Skills

Graduates are able to:

- * Create or modify the strategy and tactics of any of his/her activities in various positions (in the business environment, public administration, and NGOs) to contribute to promoting sustainable development and environmental protection;
- * Apply gained environment knowledge in a way which is not to endanger the effectiveness of the performed activities; if possible – by incorporating environmental requirements into the activity carried out – to gain other positive effects and better results;
- * Promote environmental aspects in the development and implementation of policies, both nationally and at EU/global levels;
- * Conduct negotiations and resolve conflicts among different stakeholders with conflicting interests in environmental issues (especially between the state and the public, businesses and the public or businesses and the state, including conflicts of an international character);
- * In his/her activities apply the exact approaches with the support of relevant information sources.

Admission requirements

Supervising department does not impose any specific requirements for applicants. To enroll to the minor assumes the successful completion of a bachelor's degree and enrollment to master's degree studies at some of the faculties of the University of Economics in Prague or enrollment into the master's program "International and Diplomatic Studies"

Tutorial plan - capacity per semester

25 students can enroll each semester. If less than 15 (?) students would enroll in a semester, the minor specialization program would be available once per school year, in accordance with a schedule of the master program IDS (in English).

Requirements for graduation

COMPULSORY COURSES - minor specialization (30 ECTS)

Credit Courses

- 6 2ZP 661 Economics and Environmental Policy
- 6 2ZP 662 International Law and Environmental Policy
- 6 2ZP 663 Sustainability in natural resources and energy
- 6 2ZP 664 Environmental Conflicts Resolution via Negotiation
- 6 2PL 665 Multi-criteria analysis of environmental quality

State exam: A student draws two questions; these questions are based on a pre-prepared areas of questions (from each area one question). Knowledge resulting from seminar projects developed within this study minor will be taken into an account.