SCHOOL OF
PUBLIC AND
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
Indiana University

ENVIRONMENTAL GRADUATE PROGRAMS
Master of Science in Environmental Science
Master of Public Affairs — Master of Science in Environmental Science
Master of Environmental Sustainability
SPEA
Inspiration & Innovation

John D. Graham, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Public and Environmental Affairs
Professor of Public and Environmental Affairs

The value of your graduate degree is measured not just by what you learn on campus and in the community, but also by the success and personal satisfaction you enjoy with the career — and the life — you pursue.

You will find our faculty are eager to get to know you and guide your academic progress. Our classes at the graduate level are small and led by our most innovative and energetic professors. Through our partnerships with overseas universities and relationships with employers in all sectors, you can be on the front lines of efforts to solve the world’s most pressing issues. Through our Capstone classes that culminate your SPEA journey, you’ll be part of a multi-disciplinary team serving a real-world client.

The value of your degree also grows as the reputation of your alma mater grows. To that end, you should know that the research footprint of our faculty is expanding. They’re producing more books and articles that resonate with top scientists, lawmakers, and policymakers. They’re also appearing more often than ever before in the nation’s most influential media outlets. Our more than 32,000 alumni include prominent officials in the EPA and DOE, as well as leaders of influential organizations.

Pursuing an environmental graduate program requires a significant investment, which is why I am committed to ensuring that a SPEA degree represents value and opens doors to what you seek academically and professionally. My door is open to you if you’d like to chat about your plans.

Michael McGuire, Ph.D.
Executive Associate Dean, SPEA Bloomington
Professor of Public and Environmental Affairs

SPEA is a place for problem solvers. When we see a need, we’re not shy about getting to work. We know that solving environmental challenges will require global cooperation, so we’re establishing new international partnerships to prepare our students to be key players. We know that water management, sustainability, and energy will continue to be at the forefront of national policy debates, so we’re strengthening our academic concentrations to tackle these issues. At SPEA, we knew we needed more space to better serve our growing student body — so we recently opened the Paul H. O’Neill Graduate Center, a brand new facility for our graduate students to learn, study, and build community.

SPEA was founded as the first school in the nation to combine environmental science with the study of public policy and management. We’re proud of our established, national reputation as a top-tier research university and proud of our faculty. But we hope it’s not just our legacy that draws you. We hope you’re excited by the work that we’re doing and that you’re ready to join us — and our alumni working in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors around the world — in our commitment to advancing knowledge and preparing leaders for the greater good. There’s plenty of work left to do.
Prepare to Lead for the Greater Good

We’re pleased that you’re considering an environmental master’s degree program at Indiana University’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs, and we’re confident that SPEA can give you the knowledge and skills you need to lead for the greater good.

Established at IU Bloomington in 1972, SPEA was the first school to combine environmental science with public policy, management, and administration. SPEA is now one of the largest and most well-regarded schools of its type in the world. Building on four decades of growth and scholarship, SPEA is the best of its class, with a faculty and student body who have a global perspective and who appreciate the value of unconventional careers that span the public, nonprofit, and private sectors.

The hallmark of SPEA’s graduate programs are their interdisciplinary nature. Housed in a school that combines several areas of study and taps into the strengths of expert faculty in various areas, our graduate programs offer a uniquely rich learning experience. Environmental problems are approached in a multidisciplinary way, examined in all of their complexity from several perspectives — as they must be in today’s interconnected world.

It’s all here: a top-quality program at an affordable cost, new state-of-the-art facilities, professors who inspire as well as instruct, a holistic, interdisciplinary approach that makes the entire campus your school, big-picture ideas paired with hands-on experience, unequalled support services and career assistance, and a worldwide alumni network of professional peers.

Explore our Environmental Master’s Degree Programs:

- Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSES)
- Master of Public Affairs – Master of Science in Environmental Science (MPA-MSES)
- Master of Environmental Sustainability (MES)

Welcome to SPEA’s environmental graduate programs, where we’ve been training students to protect our environment for four decades. We’re proud of our programs and gratified by the steady growth they have shown over the years, both in reputation and in the number of students served. We’re excited by the opportunity to talk with you about what our programs can offer to you as an individual student and to society as a whole. We feel strongly that scholarship must breed leadership, and our graduate programs embody that belief. The world needs a new generation of leaders — dedicated individuals with the talent, the training, and the tools to reshape Earth’s future. As the following pages will show, SPEA’s MSES, MPA-MSES, and MES degrees can help you join that new generation.

Vicky Meretsky, Ph.D.
Professor
Director, Graduate Environmental Programs
SPEA Fast Facts

The School of Public and Environmental Affairs attracts some of the world’s best and brightest graduate students of environmental science and public service. The diversity of our student body, faculty, and alumni serves to enrich the educational experiences and professional development opportunities for all SPEA graduate students.

**Average age of master’s candidates is 26**

**#1 Master of Public Affairs**

U.S. News & World Report ranks SPEA #1 out of 272 public affairs graduate programs

**Placement Sector Breakdown:**
- Public: 30%
- Private: 30%
- Nonprofit: 40%

**Top Employers:**
- Grant Thornton LLP
- Booz Allen Hamilton
- U.S. Government Accountability Office
- Indiana Department of Natural Resources
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Agency for International Development
- Children’s Defense Fund
- Duke Energy
- Cummins Engine
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Average GPA of incoming MPA-MSES students**
- 3.47

**Average GPA of incoming MSES students**
- 3.31

**Alumni Network**
- 32,000+

**Percentage of graduates settled in jobs or continuing education within 6 months**
- 90.4%

**37 Average MPA-MSES cohort size**

**17 Average MSES cohort size**

**On average, 68% of incoming SPEA graduate students are non-Indiana residents**

**21% Average percentage of international students from countries such as Vietnam, China, India, and more.**
Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSES)

Our MSES program is a professional, two-year, 48 credit-hour degree program that will prepare you for the challenges you’ll face every day in the public, nonprofit, or corporate world. Our unique curriculum design combines environmental science with economics, policy, and law, allowing you to collaborate across disciplines and tackle today’s complex issues from multiple perspectives.

1. Core Competencies

The core curriculum of your MSES degree ensures both the rigor and breadth that employers seek. You’ll take foundational core courses in environmental science with additional coursework in economics, policy, law, and tool skills so that you can apply your knowledge in the real world.

The MSES Core:
- Applied Math for Environmental Science
- Statistics for Environmental Science
- Applied Ecology
- Environmental Engineering
- Environmental Chemistry

Economics, Policy, and Law course examples:
- Domestic or International Environmental Policy
- Environmental and Natural Resource Management
- Public Management Economics
- Environmental, Wildlife, or Water Law

Tool Skills course examples:
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Environmental Risk Analysis
- Risk Communication
- Benefit-Cost Analysis

2. Concentrations

By choosing one of our four MSES concentrations, you’ll turn your area of interest into an area of expertise. You’ll also have the option to tailor a one-of-a-kind, specialized concentration that fits your unique interests.

- Ecology and Conversation
- Energy
- Environmental Chemistry, Toxicology, and Risk Assessment
- Water Resources

Avril Carter, MSES 2016

Concentration: Water Resources
Undergraduate institution: Iowa State University
Past Internships: Office of Sustainability 2020 Transitions Lab Intern, Bloomington, Indiana

Current employment: Environmental Scientist at INTERA Incorporated, Austin, Texas

“My experience at SPEA was one of the most challenging and rewarding aspects of my academic and personal life.”
You will obtain professionally relevant experience through one of the following options:

- An approved internship, typically during the summer
- A research project (thesis option is available on a limited basis)
- Credit for prior professional experience or volunteer service, such as the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, or Teach for America

Capstone students work in groups on a complex problem, for a real world client. Recent capstones have included:

- Assessing climate change impacts on natural resources
- Evaluating and making recommendations for the National Water Quality Initiative
- Creating a Holistic Sustainability Index for Indiana and the Hoosier Environmental Council

### Experiential Component

### Capstone

### Suggested MSES Program Design (48 Credit Hours):

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**Sample Additional SPEA Course Offerings**

- **Public Affairs**
  - International Environmental Policy
  - Natural Resource Management and Policy
  - Sustainable Development

- **Environmental Science**
  - Fundamentals of Air Pollution
  - Climate-Change Impacts on Natural Resources
  - Water Quality Modeling
MSES Concentrations
Where passion becomes expertise.

Ecology and Conservation
Our Ecology and Conservation concentration will equip you to be a real-world champion of the environment and to apply problem-solving techniques to the ecological issues now confronting a variety of natural and managed ecosystems. As an Ecology and Conservation student, you will explore forest ecology and management, habitat loss and restoration, endangered species, wetlands biology, fisheries and wildlife management, and the management of lakes and watersheds.

Energy
Our Energy concentration will put you in position to help meet the challenges of an increasingly energy-dependent world. This concentration focuses on energy policies and technologies, exploring the socioeconomic and environmental consequences of both. You will explore the feasibility of various techniques for mitigating carbon emissions, diversifying the energy sector, and developing alternative energy sources, including wind and solar power technologies.

Environmental Chemistry, Toxicology, and Risk Assessment
Our Environmental Chemistry, Toxicology, and Risk Assessment concentration will allow you to examine the fate and transport of chemicals in the environment, including the health hazards and social impacts associated with chemical pollution. In this concentration, you will study the chemical, physical, and biological reactions of pollutants in the soil, water, and atmospheric systems and explore technologies used to manage and remediate contaminated sites, the toxicological effects of chemical exposure, and methods to assess and mitigate the risks associated with chemical use.

Water Resources
Our Water Resources concentration emphasizes the science behind water quality and access to help you hone your problem-solving skills. In this concentration, you will take courses that focus on the biological, chemical, and physical aspects of water in the environment and include the study of wetlands, stream ecology, groundwater flow, and the management of fisheries, lakes, and watersheds. You will develop skills in a wide range of areas, including water quality treatment, pollution prevention, watershed assessment, water resource management, storm water management, and wetland restoration.
Dual MPA-MSES
Integrate science and policy to help you put your knowledge to work.

In today’s interconnected world, those who lead for the greater good must possess knowledge in various fields and be able to apply that knowledge where change most often occurs — at the intersections of science, policy, and society. To respond to this need, SPEA offers several dual degree programs, including our distinctive and highly marketable MPA-MSES program. This unique 60-credit hour program allows students to earn both a Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSES) and the #1 ranked Master of Public Affairs (MPA) from SPEA in less time than it would take to earn both degrees separately.

As an MPA-MSES student, you will work with faculty advisors to customize your academic plan to fit your personal academic and career interests. You’ll also have a choice of 12 MPA and four MSES concentrations, plus the following four concentrations, which are available only to dual degree students:

**Energy**
The dual degree Energy concentration provides a foundation in the basis and implications of energy production, distribution, and use. Taking an interdisciplinary approach that highlights the interconnected nature of science, technology, and public policy, this dual degree concentration creates a balanced skill set based on courses in the natural sciences, economics, public policy, and law.

**Environmental Management**
This concentration integrates the competencies of environmental science with management and policy. A successful student will master the concepts that institutions require for environmental management — science, law, policy, economics, and communication — and will combine those concepts with robust knowledge of the state-of-the-art tools needed for implementation.

**Environmental Systems Analysis and Modeling**
This concentration is designed to provide dual degree students with the mathematical and empirical tools necessary to address complex issues marked by interrelated political, environmental, and social aspects. These issues include climate change, which involves physical systems (climate models), economic systems (decisions regarding emissions and emission-reducing technologies), and political systems (governmental decisions to regulate or provide incentives).

**Water Management**
This concentration addresses water quality, quantity, and distribution. Students gain mastery of water science, law, policy, economics, and communication. Water Management students will be prepared for success in the dynamic field of water resource management — a field that is growing ever more crucial globally.

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**Dana Parkinson, MPA-MSES 2017**

**Concentration:** Water Management  
**Undergraduate institution:** University of South Florida, St. Petersburg  
**Past Internships:** Burns & McDonnell – Environmental Studies and Permitting, Downers Grove (Chicagoland), Illinois; Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission – Coastal Wetlands Lab, St. Petersburg, Florida  
**Current employment:** Burns & McDonnell, Assistant Environmental Scientist, Omaha, Nebraska

“The deep compassion for others shared by the students defines the culture of the MPA-MSES program. You will take that with you wherever you go.”
### Suggested MPA-MSES Program Design (60 Credit Hours):

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### Sample Tool Skills Course Offerings*

- Application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Benefit-Cost Analysis
- Data Analysis and Modeling
- Environmental Risk Analysis
- Management Science
- Negotiation and Dispute Resolution
- Public Program Evaluation
- Water Quality Modeling

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*These courses are subject to change and may vary by semester.

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Master of Environmental Sustainability (MES)*
Catapult your “green” career in one year.

Our MES program is an accelerated one-year, 36 credit-hour degree program that will prepare you for a career dedicated to transforming sound environmental science and policy into actionable solutions that promote sustainability practices in the public, private, or nonprofit sectors. In this program, you’ll get management know-how and technical training that will prepare you to meet the growing demand for “green” jobs across the nation. If you have relevant professional experience, you can complete the MES in a single academic year, starting with an intensive, one-week, 3-credit course before the fall semester, and then two semesters of 13-14 credits. Students without professional experience will be able to complete the MES degree in a single calendar year by starting the program during the summer term.

1 Core Competencies

The core curriculum of your MES program emphasizes management and critical thinking skills that promote applications of environmental sustainability. Your intensive, 3-credit, project management course will be completed before the fall semester.

The MSES Core:
- Project Management for Environmental Sustainability
- Environmental Management

2 Concentrations

By choosing one of our four MES concentrations, you will turn your area of interest into an area of expertise. Each MES concentration will comprise both fundamental science courses and applications courses.

- Environmental Quality and Toxicology
- Municipal Sustainability
- Sustainable Water Resources
- Sustainable Natural Resource Conservation and Management

3 Capstone

Capstone students work in groups on a complex problem, for a real world client. Some recent Capstones have included:
- Assessing climate change impacts on natural resources
- Evaluating and making recommendations for the National Water Quality Initiative
- Creating a Holistic Sustainability Index for Indiana and the Hoosier Environmental Council

“This program will provide students with a high-demand, affordable degree. Those already in the job market can elevate their credentials and move into professional positions in sustainability.”

–William Brown, IU Director of Sustainability

*The Master of Environmental Sustainability is pending approval by the Indiana Commission on Higher Education.
MES Concentrations
Where passion becomes expertise.

Environmental Quality and Toxicology
This concentration will teach you how to be a forward thinker with skills in environmental protection including air, water, and waste management, and toxicology. You’ll develop the management and critical thinking skills necessary to remediate environmental threats posed by energy production and consumption, hazardous waste, and climate change before they can make a negative environmental impact.

Municipal Sustainability
Our Municipal Sustainability concentration emphasizes actions that cities and towns can take to maximize sustainability at the nexus of energy, water, waste, sewage, rivers, lakes, and greenspaces. Coursework will cover municipal management topics to ensure you know the challenges public agencies face and how to address them. This concentration will prepare you for careers in municipal sustainability, including water, waste, and power utilities operators; sustainability coordinators; and managers of parks, forests, and greenways.

Sustainable Water Resources
The Water Resources concentration emphasizes the science behind water quality and availability to help you develop solutions for sustainable water management. In this concentration, you will have the opportunity to look at ecosystem aspects of water, such as sustainable management of fisheries, lakes, watersheds and wetlands, as well as developing skills in water quality and water resource management, applications of pollution prevention, and storm and wastewater management.

Sustainable Natural Resource Conservation and Management
Recognizing our planet’s bounty while also respecting its limits, our concentration in Sustainable Natural Resource Conservation and Management will prepare you to better understand and manage natural resources and biodiversity. You’ll take courses that focus on a variety of ecosystems and how to manage them, including forest and wetland ecology and management, fisheries and wildlife management, and climate-change impacts on natural resources.

Suggested MES Program Design (36 Credit Hours):

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*Sample Fundamental Science Concentration Courses (minimum 6 credits, maximum 18 credits)
- Fisheries and Wildlife Management
- Fundamentals of Air Pollution
- Limnology
- Urban Forest Management
- Environmental Toxicology

**Sample Applications Concentration Courses (minimum 6 credits, maximum 18 credits)
- Sustainable Communities
- Solid and Hazardous Waste Management
- Energy Analysis and Markets
- Urban Management
- Restoration Ecology

“As the director of a municipal utility that provides drinking water and wastewater treatment, I’m confident students and their employers will be well served by the expertise gained from earning this degree.”
–Vic Kelson, Director, City of Bloomington Utilities
Influential Faculty

Advisors and mentors.

SPEA boasts a robust mix of scholars and practitioners who are actively engaged in all three aspects of the School’s mission: research, teaching, and service. This talented group of more than 190 full-time, part-time, and adjunct faculty members is the driving force behind the School’s continued prominence in the field. Our faculty are top research scientists and serious scholars. They win accolades — from National Science Foundation awards to Fulbright fellowships to the late Dr. Elinor Ostrom’s distinction as the first woman to win the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences. Their backgrounds range from engineering, chemistry, and ecology to economics, law, and public policy. Their work appears in the top journals in their fields.

SPEA’s instructors are actively involved in campus activities, the Bloomington community, and the lives of their students. SPEA faculty members foster a collaborative environment that offers the perfect balance of intellectual rigor and personal attention. As a SPEA student, you’ll do practical, relevant work with your professors while benefiting from their wide network of colleagues and contacts as you pursue internships and launch your career after graduation. You’re likely to have them as advisors and mentors long after your days at SPEA.

Quick facts about faculty:

- #5 in the world for public administration research — The Center for World University Rankings
- #5 in the nation for research productivity — Social Science Research Network
- 164+ articles produced annually
- 95+ full-time faculty

“SPEA is not just an academic institution, it is also a community. It’s a community of students, faculty, and staff with a diverse range of interests and talents, all encouraging each other to make a difference in this world.”
— Dr. Sanya Carley

“The School of Public and Environmental Affairs straddles the intersection of environmental science, public policy, and management. I know of no other program that integrates these key areas as well as SPEA does.”
— Dr. Christopher Craft

“The quality and breadth of research we conduct reflects our students’ diversity in interests and training. Working with students from both MSES and MPA programs not only strengthens our research, but helps students see how science, policy, and resource management are tightly coupled.”
— Dr. Adam Ward

“SPEA has provided me with the tools to work with an understanding of sound policy and science, and the foundation to be effective. The faculty and students create a collaborative learning environment where discussions and group work add value to courses.”

Roy Fillyaw, MPA-MSES 2016
Concentrations: Policy Analysis; Environmental Policy and Natural Resource Management
Facilities
Places and spaces designed for discovery.

At IU, we host a multitude of natural and manmade facilities to provide you with a rich, experiential science education. The Multidisciplinary Science Building II (MSBII), pictured above, is a modern, five-story facility that provides 65,000 square feet of research and lab space. The building is designed to serve a variety of functions, with flexible laboratories that can easily be adapted to meet the needs of the evolving science disciplines. Graduate students also benefit from working in the newly renovated labs in the SPEA Building. With lab facilities geared specifically to the study of limnology, stream ecology, and toxicology, SPEA provides the tools that help environmental science students make the most of hands-on learning.

Because there is no substitute for the outdoors when studying natural sciences, the IU campus offers a unique living laboratory: the Research and Teaching Preserve (RTP). Established in 2001, the RTP offers 1,600 acres of natural woodlands and wetlands just minutes from the heart of the campus. The RTP consists of several natural sites, including Bradford Woods, Griffy Woods, and Moores Creek. Within the preserve, there is a 6,000-square-foot field lab — an innovative building that serves as a laboratory classroom nestled in a natural setting near University Lake. Completed in April 2009, the RTP field lab is a hub for environmental research and teaching, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration among geologists, biologists, geographers, climatologists, and other environmental scientists.

And, of course, you’ll have the pleasure of taking most of your courses in the newly constructed Paul H. O’Neill Graduate Center. This addition to the existing SPEA building added 29,000 square feet of new classroom, study, and common space dedicated to the specific interests and needs of our graduate students.

“The O’Neill Center is a place where the next generation of leaders can come together to exchange ideas, challenge one another and collaboratively generate solutions that make the world a better place.”
— Paul H. O’Neill
Bloomington, Indiana

Bloomington is a cosmopolitan city with the energy of an urban neighborhood and the charm of a college town. This city has something for everyone, whether it’s a Big Ten sporting event, a touring Broadway play, a rock concert at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater, a trip to one of the nearly 40 ethnic restaurants, a Saturday morning at the Bloomington Farmers’ Market, or a free lecture by such luminaries as the Dalai Lama, Ta-Nehisi Coates, or Gloria Steinem. Bloomington also has a natural splendor that extends beyond the city limits. Bloomington is surrounded by rolling hills and is minutes away from state parks, forests, and lakes — all of which offer a wide variety of outdoor recreational activities year-round.

Quick facts

- Bloomington was recently named one of America’s top 50 adventure towns by National Geographic Adventure Magazine.
- Bloomington was also ranked among the 10 best small cities for educated millennials by the Business Insider, making Bloomington an ideal place to pursue your academic goals.
- #7 College Town — Bloomington ranks as one of the nation’s best places to live, study, and visit. —Livability.com 2012

Indiana University

For thousands of students each year, Indiana University defines the college experience. Strong campus traditions, unquestioned academic excellence, world-renowned research, a commitment to cultural diversity and intellectual exploration, a vibrant arts and entertainment scene, a stunningly beautiful campus, top-tier college sports, world-class facilities, cutting-edge technology — IU has it all. In 2020, IU will celebrate its 200th anniversary — two centuries of learning and life on a campus clad in Indiana limestone and steeped in tradition.

Quick facts

- IU was voted #2 by readers in USA Today’s 10 Best Beautiful College Campuses poll.
- The affordability of attending college in such a beautiful setting is what made the IU Bloomington campus rank #2 on Great Value Colleges with Beautiful Campuses.
Student Life

SPEA hosts a number of professional student organizations that contribute to the vibrant student life found in the School. Some of the widely recognized organizations include:

- Education Policy Student Association
- Energy Leaders Student Association
- Environmental Management and Sustainable Development Association
- International Public Affairs Association
- Nonprofit Management Association
- Public Finance Association
- SPEA Graduate Student Association
- Students for Equity in Public Affairs

The eight organizations listed above represent just a fraction of the more than 750 student-led clubs and organizations on campus — and that means everyone can find a rewarding niche.

To find out why everyone wants to come to Bloomington — visit us! You’ll be amazed at what the SPEA community offers.
Commitment to Service

SPEA’s commitment to engaging students in meaningful service opportunities extends throughout the Bloomington community. Through our one-of-a-kind SPEA Service Corps** program, we provide service opportunities that are both meaningful and marketable to our students. Service Corps Fellows are placed in government agencies and nonprofit organizations, where they build on their professional skills while aiding the local community. Fellows receive an attractive financial package, including a partial tuition remission and an hourly wage in exchange for a 12-hour-per-week work assignment. In total, financial incentives for Fellows range from about $8,500 to more than $12,000, based on residency status. Fellows are selected on a competitive basis, according to the candidate’s academic record, letters of reference, personal statement, and résumé.

Benefits to Volunteers

To demonstrate SPEA’s commitment to meaningful service and civic engagement, we offer benefits* to applicants who have successfully completed volunteer service with the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, or Teach for America programs. These service experiences satisfy the experiential requirement associated with SPEA master’s degrees. Additionally, alumni of these programs qualify for a reduction of 3 credit hours per year of service, with a maximum award of 6 credit hours (benefits totaling over $3,500 per year of service, depending on residency).

*Note: Students participating in dual degree programs other than the MPA-MSES are not eligible for this volunteer credit reduction.

**Note: SPEA Service Corps and Coverdell Fellows programs are only open to MSES and MPA-MSES candidates.

Peace Corps Paul D. Coverdell Fellows

SPEA helps its students expand their global opportunities through an innovative educational collaboration with the Peace Corps: SPEA’s Peace Corps Paul D. Coverdell Fellows program.

The Peace Corps Paul D. Coverdell Fellows program** attracts exceptional students after they have completed their in-country service through the Peace Corps. Those selected become an integral part of the SPEA Service Corps Program, in which Fellows work at designated public and nonprofit organizations and participate in professional development sessions. To complement their Service Corps responsibilities to the public or nonprofit organization in which they are placed, Coverdell Fellows also help organize events that aim to promote cultural awareness, including SPEA’s annual celebration of Peace Corps Week and student-led international initiatives.

Coverdell Fellows, who must be Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, are selected on a competitive basis according to their academic record, letters of reference, personal statement, and résumé. Those selected as a Coverdell Fellow receive an attractive financial package that includes a partial tuition remission, an hourly wage in exchange for a work assignment, and a reduction of the total credit hours required for their graduate program. The total value of the Coverdell Fellowship over two years ranges from $20,000 to more than $32,000, based on residency status.
A World of Opportunity

Go abroad
We want our students to think globally, and that’s why we’ve always encouraged an exchange of international perspectives and ideas among our graduates. As such, SPEA graduate students may participate in summer abroad programs in such diverse places as Uganda, South Africa, Barcelona, the United Kingdom, the Caribbean, and more. Additionally, SPEA students come from approximately 20 different countries. These diverse perspectives and cultures are welcome as they enhance the dialogue in our classrooms and across the student community.

Quick facts
- On average, 24 graduate students per year participate in SPEA study abroad programs
- 20 graduate study abroad programs offered annually, on average
Professional Network

A global web links our students to success.

As a SPEA graduate, you’ll always be a member of a growing and supportive group of professionals who share a commitment to lead for the greater good. SPEA’s ever-expanding alumni network – a worldwide web of more than 32,000 supportive peers – are making a real difference all over the globe and are always willing to provide mentorship and opportunity to our current students. As a SPEA student, we will provide you with many opportunities to connect with our fantastic alumni at on-campus events, alumni panels and round-tables, and on our career networking and exploration trips.

Claire Lane, MSES, takes notes on coral reefs for her internship with the Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) in Key Largo, Florida.
Estimated Expenses

At SPEA, we pride ourselves on the value inherent in our graduate programs and work hard to control costs for our students. The total cost to attend SPEA is significantly lower than that charged by other nationally recognized programs. What’s more, the cost of living in Bloomington is well below that in cities that feature similar graduate programs.

### Estimated Costs for one 3-credit hour course, 2017-2018

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*The figures above represent tuition costs of one 3-credit, master’s-level course work at SPEA. Please note that tuition and fees are subject to change without notice by action of the Board of Trustees of Indiana University.

**Mandatory fees support ongoing maintenance for IU’s 900 buildings and associated infrastructure, technology, transportation, and more. The figures above represent mandatory fees for one full-time semester of graduate courses at SPEA. SPEA graduate students will also be responsible for a one-time $200 student success fee upon matriculation into their program.

Additional information can be found at the Indiana University Student Central website (studentcentral.indiana.edu).

Funding Options

We understand that cost can be a determining factor for many students pursuing their graduate education, so at SPEA, we do all we can to help you find ways to finance your education.

### Merit-based Aid

All students who submit a complete application by the priority deadline of February 1st are considered for SPEA merit-based aid. Merit awards can include fellowships, graduate and teaching assistantships, Service Corps Fellow and Coverdell Fellow distinctions, and tuition awards. Merit awards generally include a partial tuition remission and a stipend or hourly wage. To apply for merit-based aid, check the appropriate boxes in the Departmental Questions portion of your application. GPA and test scores, academic and professional achievements, extracurricular and volunteer activities, recommendation letters, and responses to application questions are among the factors considered when determining merit awards.

### Fellowships for Current Students

In addition to SPEA merit-based aid that is allocated during the recruitment and application process, SPEA prides itself on making fellowship dollars available to current SPEA master’s candidates through a competitive application process. These fellowships provide additional funding for students who have demonstrated excellence in academics and involvement during their SPEA graduate studies.

### Additional Sources of Funding

Many students pursue additional sources of funding to help finance the remaining cost of tuition and living expenses. Students should be proactive by researching funding opportunities online and by referencing the weekly Masters Program Office e-newsletter for further opportunities.

More information on additional sources of funding, including student employment, research assistantships, funding from other campus departments, and online resources for finding aid can be found at go.iu.edu/speafund.
**Application Checklist**

**Priority Deadline:** February 1 (for merit-based aid consideration)

- MSES and MPA-MSES Final Application Deadline: May 1*
- MES Final Application Deadline: March 1*

*Please note that our class may close by this date. We encourage you to apply by the priority deadline of February 1.

**How to Apply**

Complete and submit the following materials:

- **Online Indiana University Graduate Application** (eApp) — [go.iu.edu/speaapp](go.iu.edu/speaapp)
- **Application fee** — The eApp requires payment by credit card upon submission: $55 for domestic applicants or $65 for international applicants.
- **Official transcript(s)** — A transcript from each college attended is required, regardless of degree conferral, including transfer credits. If you attended Indiana University, you need not submit a transcript; we can obtain it from the Registrar. Please have transcripts sent electronically to speaapps@indiana.edu or in hard copy to the following address:
  
  SPEA Masters Program Office
  1315 E. Tenth St., Suite A304
  Bloomington, IN 47405

- **Three letters of recommendation** — We recommend these letters come from faculty members when possible. On the eApp, you will be asked to provide contact information for three recommenders. After you submit your application and pay the application fee, an email will be sent to your recommenders prompting them to upload their recommendation letters. Alternatively, your recommenders may submit recommendations as a PDF attachment via email to speaapps@indiana.edu with the name of the applicant in the subject line.

- **Official GRE or GMAT scores** — Our institution code is 1324. (LSAT is acceptable if you are applying to the dual MPA-JD or MSES-JD program.)

- **TOEFL or IELTS scores** (for international students) — Our institution code is 1324.

- **Departmental questions** — Please complete the online form at [go.iu.edu/spedq](go.iu.edu/spedq).

- **Personal statement** — Your personal statement should be uploaded to the eApp. Please consider responding to the following prompt: Describe your most important accomplishments and how they prepared you for graduate study at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Outline carefully your current goals and professional plans. Explain your reasons for selecting the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Alternatively, your personal statement may be emailed to speaapps@indiana.edu, as a PDF attachment with the subject line: Application Personal Statement.

- **Résumé or CV** — Your résumé or CV should be uploaded to the eApp. Alternatively, your résumé may be emailed to speaapps@indiana.edu, as a PDF attachment, with the subject line: Application Résumé.

All supplemental paper materials for domestic applicants should be sent to the SPEA Masters Program Office (MPO) at 1315 E. Tenth Street, Suite A304, Bloomington, IN 47405. Additional electronic files can be sent to speaapps@indiana.edu.

All supplemental paper materials for international applicants should be sent to the Office of International Services (OIS) at Poplars 221, 400 E. Seventh Street, Bloomington, IN 47405. Additional electronic files can be sent to speaapps@indiana.edu.

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**Do we have defined test score and GPA requirements for admission?**

We do not have defined GPA or GRE/GMAT* requirements for admission consideration. The Admission Committee conducts a comprehensive review of each application file and seeks well-rounded students for admission to SPEA’s master’s programs.

Average GPA and GRE scores (data reflects the demographics of our last three incoming classes):

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*Limited GMAT data available. GPA and GRE Data is not currently available for the Master of Environmental Sustainability (MES) program data. Please email speaapps@indiana.edu for more information.
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