“In the energy and sustainability policy program, we examine with open minds the issues and promise of creating a world where material and energy consumption are within ecological limits, and quality of life improves for all. Highly engaged instructors and cutting-edge courses in energy, policy, climate change, economics, and business can give ESP graduates solid preparation for a range of careers with public, private, and nonprofit organizations.”

— Dr. Vera J. Cole, Lead Faculty of the Energy and Sustainability Policy Program
Online Bachelor of Arts in Energy and Sustainability Policy

The online Bachelor of Arts in Energy and Sustainability Policy is a 121-credit interdisciplinary program designed to examine the crucial issues facing our society in the twenty-first century—issues such as climate change, economic stability, and energy resource security.

With this degree, you can gain the knowledge and skills needed to provide research, analysis, and communication about technical and policy-related issues central to an in-depth understanding of energy and sustainability policy. Employment opportunities are broad and include a wide range of positions, such as sustainability specialist, legislative or regulatory affairs coordinator, permitting and compliance specialist, and public relations representative. ESP graduates’ knowledge, skills, and techniques are valued by many types of organizations, including commercial firms, government agencies, public utilities, regulatory bodies, nonprofit and advocacy groups, and energy and trade organizations. As a graduate, you may also pursue advanced degrees leading to careers in education, law, or business administration.

“The biggest challenge with learning online was becoming good at managing my time and motivating myself. I’ve been able to balance work, family, and school, without getting too stressed out.”

Amanda Fuller, B.A. in Energy and Sustainability Policy, graduate
In 2012, the Bachelor of Arts in Energy and Sustainability Policy was recognized as the “Outstanding Online Program” by the Sloan Consortium.

The award-winning curriculum focuses on helping you realize five main competencies:

- energy industry knowledge
- a sustainability ethic
- analytical skills
- communication skills
- global perspective

To help you gain real-world experiences, the program features a unique component, where you will participate in an internship close to home or an international study abroad program, specifically designed for online learners. You will work with an ESP faculty member to determine the most flexible and appropriate option for your personal and professional responsibilities.

The following courses are examples of those offered as part of the ESP program:

- **EGEE 102 Energy Conservation for Environmental Protection**
  Exposure to energy efficiency in day-to-day life to save money and energy, and thereby protect the environment.

- **EGEE 120 Oil: International Evolution**
  Survey of the commercial development of the world petroleum industry from various international, historical, business, and cultural perspectives.

- **EBF 200 Introduction to Energy and Earth Sciences Economics**
  Resource use decisions and their effect on local, national, and global development.

- **EME 444 Global Energy Enterprise**
  Industry perspective on the resources, technologies, engineering approaches and externalities involved in satisfying worldwide energy demand profitably and sustainably.

- **EME 466 Energy and Sustainability in Society**
  Capstone course in energy technology and policy options for reduced-carbon communities. Covering agent/stakeholder relations, sustainability, communication, and public engagement.

- **ENGR 312 Sustainable Energy Entrepreneurship**
  Three interrelated modules guide students through technical, global/business, and entrepreneurial aspects of sustainable energy.

- **GEOG 432 Energy Policy**
  Analysis, formulation, implementation, and impacts of energy-related policies, regulations, and initiatives.

- **METEO 469 From Meteorology to Mitigation: Understanding Global Warming**
  Introduction to global warming and climate change: the basic science, projected impacts, and approaches to mitigation.
Career Opportunities for Graduates

Through our online energy and sustainability policy degree program, you can prepare for a challenging and rewarding career in energy-related government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, public utilities, regulatory bodies, energy trade organizations, and energy businesses. As a graduate, you may also pursue advanced degrees leading to careers in fields such as education, law, business administration, or sustainability management.

Energy and sustainability policy graduates can be prepared for careers in many occupations, including, but not limited to:

- sustainability specialist for a corporation or large organization
- lobbyist or advocate on behalf of nonprofits or industry, in policy awareness and education
- foreign or domestic policy analyst for industry or government
- elected official holding public office or as a member of political staff
- permitting and compliance specialist
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- In order to provide real-world experiences, the ESP program offers you the opportunity to participate in an internship close to home or an international study abroad program.
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