

Application to declare a major or minor in ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND PLANNING

Students are encouraged to submit their application as early as possible within the Feb 15 - March 15 application period.

The Department of Environmental Studies and Planning (ENSP) is implementing a new application process, effective January 2012, for accepting change of major applications. For Spring 2012, we will accept major and minor applications Feb 15th - March 15th only. **We will not be accepting new applications in Oct 2012.** This new application process is due to budget constraints and impact of the major.

Please note that the total number of students admitted into the major will depend on the capacity of the department (which fluctuates from semester to semester). We will fill available positions using the following ranking criteria. Students with higher scores are more likely to be admitted to the department, but at this time we **cannot** guarantee that every applicant that ranks highly will be admitted in any given year.

Please see the departmental website (www.sonoma.edu/ensp) for guidance on applying to the major.

The ENSP Department will score each applicant based upon the following criteria:

Criteria	Points
Student has a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher*	2 points
Student will be a second-semester Freshman the semester of application	3 points
Student will be a second-semester Sophomore the semester of application	2 points
Student will be a second-semester Junior the semester of application	1 point
Student has taken one or more classes applicable to your chosen study plan (please list these courses at the top of your essay)	1-3 points
Student has prior experience in the area in which they wish to study**	1 point
TOTAL	

* Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 to be considered eligible for applying.

** Prior experience in a field in or related to environmental studies and planning will be determined from the essay component of your application to the major. Prior experience may include, but is not limited to, professional work, volunteer experience, or school or personal projects. See essay guidelines below.

Name : _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address (current): _____

Seawolf Email Address: _____

Peoplesoft ID: _____ Current Major: _____

Choose one: ENSP would be my only major I will be a double major with _____

Grade level (circle one): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

ENSP Study Plan interest (check one or more that may apply at this time):

Conservation and Restoration

Tracks in:

- Track 1 – Biological Emphasis
- Track II – Social Sciences Emphasis

Education and the Environment

(Multiple Subject Teaching Credential Preparation Program)

Energy Management and Design

- BA
- BS

Outdoor Leadership

Planning Concentration

Water Technology Program

- BA
- BS

Double Major in ENSP & ECON

Minor in ENSP

Admission Requirements:

1. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75. Attach a copy of your transcript (unofficial transcripts from PeopleSoft are acceptable for this purpose). Applicants with a GPA below 2.75 may be considered upon showing unique and compelling circumstances. Please include an explanation of those circumstances with your application.
2. Submission of an essay of not more than 500 words, typed and double-spaced, describing your prior experience in the fields of environmental studies and planning, your career goals, and why you feel ENSP is the right major for you.
3. Your complete application must be submitted to Rachel Carson Hall 18 by March 15, 2012. Applications that are not complete will not be reviewed. For further information, contact Jo-Ann Smith, ENSP Administrative Coordinator, at 664-2306 or email at joann.smith@sonoma.edu

An email regarding the decision will be sent to you at the address indicated above by March 23, 2012.