

IR & Environmental Policy (IREP)

"I have been able to work closely with interesting faculty, which has given me a great opportunity to gain professional experience. Being part of the Pardee Graduate Council has enabled me to meet other students and organize activities, both social and academic. I had a wonderful experience presenting a paper at last year's Pardee grad student conference and am helping to organize this year's conference."

- Mariana Echaniz, IREP 2016

Managing natural resources and resolving environmental conflicts are increasingly important factors in international relations. The 1.5 year IREP program offers students a dynamic opportunity to explore the intersection of IR and the environment.

The core course of the program prepares students for environmental negotiation while classes at BU's Department of Earth & Environment provide training in a variety of environmental issues. The program is perfect for students aspiring to work in environmental management and policy analysis.

The MA in International Relations & Environmental Policy requires a total of 12 courses (48 credits) divided among Joint Core (4 credits), IR core (12 credits), IR electives (8 credits), Environment core (12 credits), Environment electives (8 credits), and free elective (4 credits). Students also write and orally defend a capstone MA paper, gain training in statistical analysis, and demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language.

IR & Joint Core Courses

- Global Environmental Negotiation & Policy

Plus one class from 3 of the following 4 categories:

- Theory & Policy
- Political Economy
- Security Studies
- Regional Studies

Environment Core Courses (Choose 3):

- Geographic Information Systems
- Multivariate Analysis for Geographers
- Regional Energy Modeling
- Applied Multiple Regression & Multivariable Methods
- Physical Principles of the Environment
- Energy, Society, & the Environment
- U.S. Environmental Policy
- Resource Economics & Policy

