

Water Resource Policy Program Podcast

Hello, my name is Maggie and I am a staff member in The Graduate School at Grand Valley State University. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Grand Valley's Water Resource Policy Graduate Program. Today we're going to cover the admissions process, program requirements, and the qualities that distinguish this program.

As the demand for water grows, issues and concerns related to water resources will only become more acute. This program is the first in Michigan that will focus specifically on water resource policy. The Water Resource Policy program will prepare students to become policy advisors, water management specialists, and environmental scientists in practical settings. The program has been developed to serve traditional graduate students, professionals working in the environmental field, and individuals seeking a new career path. For professionals working in the environmental field or in public policy, academic credit may be awarded to the degree program for appropriate work experience following program review.

This is a 33-credit hour program and can be completed in 2 years as a full-time student or the program can be extended over several years if you choose to attend as a part-time student. The curriculum will cover the cross-disciplinary nature of water resource issues and includes courses taught by faculty from the Annis Water Resources Institute (AWRI), biology, natural resource management, and public administration. Additionally, you will complete an internship with an organization that deals with current and emerging water issues giving students the opportunity to help research, discuss, and develop new policies. For a complete listing of all courses please visit www.gvsu.edu/acad/water-resource-policy-ms.htm

Standard Grand Valley admission requirements include completion of the online application and a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. To apply to the program, please submit official transcripts, a 500-word essay, and three letters of reference. Your undergraduate should be a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) or better. You will also be asked to interview with program faculty. If English is not your native language you must provide scores from one of our approved standardized tests such as the TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, or the PTE Academic. There is a \$30 nonrefundable application fee, however this fee is waived if you attended Grand Valley previously or are currently attending Grand Valley.

More program details as well as the online application can be found at www.gvsu.edu/acad/water-resource-policy-ms.htm

The great news about Grand Valley's graduate programs is that tuition rates for Michigan resident and non-resident students are the same. In other words, there are no extra costs for being an out of state student. Current tuition costs and information about scholarships and financial aid can be

found at www.gvsu.edu/financialaid/ or by calling 616-331-3234. For information on graduate assistantships, please contact The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu.

That is just a snapshot of the Water Resource Policy graduate program at Grand Valley State University. We hope that you will consider applying to a graduate program at GVSU. Any questions can be directed to the Graduate Program Director, Dr. Mark Luttenton, at luttentm@gvsu.edu or to The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu. Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.