Environmental Policy and Decision Making (EPDM) is a major that serves to bridge the gap between natural and human systems. This major seeks ways to bring environmental issues into the policy conversation at the local, community, and national level. EPDM is designed to develop and enhance students’ skills related to critical thinking, communication, and the application of environmental concepts to real-world problems. Students choose one of the following specializations to focus: Climate Change, International Issues, or Water Conservation.

**Career Areas/Job Titles:**

- **Management and Industry**
  - Non-profit Program Coordinator
  - Environmental Attorney
- **Environmental Consultant**
  - Peace Corps Volunteer
  - Lobbyist
- **Natural Resource Economist**
  - Campaign Coordinator
  - Environmental Policy Analyst
- **Health Professions**
  - Community Organizer
  - International or Policy Specialist
- **Public Health Administrator**
  - Sustainability Program Coordinator
  - Specialist Environmental Lawyer
- **Education**
  - Professor
  - Project Manager
- **Non-Profit/Advocacy**
  - Government/Politics
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- **Community Organizer**
- **Sustainability Program Coordinator**
- **Professor**
- **Project Manager**
- **Government/Politics**

*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

**Transferable Skills:**

- **Business Fundamentals**
  - Motivating Others
  - Service Orientation
- **Law and Policy Awareness**
  - Social Perceptiveness
  - Teaching/Instructioning Others
- **Facilitating Group Discussion**
  - Teamwork
  - Developing Evaluation
- **Interviewing**
  - Strategies
  - Forecasting/Predicting
- **Negotiating**
  - Planning
  - Prioritizing Tasks
- **Persuasion**
  - Strategic Planning/Visioning
  - Quantitative Reasoning
- **Provide/Respond to Feedback**
  - Identifying Problems
  - Managing Time/Stress
- **Speaking Effectively**
  - Setting Goals
  - Analytical/Critical Thinking
- **Use Technology Effectively**
  - Problem Solving
- **Written Communication**
  - Judgment & Decision Making
- **Cultural Understanding**

*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here: http://ccss.osu.edu*

**Professional Links:**

- **Association of Environmental and Resource Economists:** http://www.aere.org
- **National Association of Environment Professionals:** http://www.naep.org
- **Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences:** http://www.aess.info
- **Society of Women Environmental Professionals:** http://swepweb.com/

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