ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS CGS

All students must meet the Requirements for the Certificates of Graduate Study (http://catalogue.uvm.edu/graduate/degerequirements/requirementsforthecertificatesofgraduatetudy/)

OVERVIEW

Ecological Economics examines the relationships between ecological and economic systems while working to solve humanity’s environmental challenges. It is based on the understanding that the economy is a subsystem of a larger ecological life support system, and it strives to create an ecologically sustainable, socially equitable, and economically efficient future. The certificate is a problem-based, interdisciplinary program focused on developing a practical framework for integrating economic and ecological systems. Students will acquire a theoretical and pragmatic basis to carry these skills into the world of practice.

The Ecological Economics Certificate of Graduate Study is managed jointly by the Rubenstein School and the Gund Institute, and is conferred by the Graduate School.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for Admission to Certificate of Graduate Study in Ecological Economics

FOR CURRENT UVM STUDENTS: Students currently enrolled in a graduate program must complete the online UVM Graduate Application. If the program you are in did not require GRE scores for admission, you must provide them with the application to the Certificate Program.

FOR DUAL GRADUATE DEGREE/CERTIFICATE PROGRAM APPLICANTS: Students applying at the same time for a graduate degree program and a Certificate of Graduate Study at UVM must first complete the online UVM Graduate Application for the degree program. Once accepted into the degree program applicants can then log back into the portal and choose the option to apply as a certificate student. A fee waiver will be provided by the Graduate Admissions office. GRE scores are required.

FOR APPLICANTS TO THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM: Applicants seeking to enroll in only a Certificate of Graduate Study program must complete the online UVM Graduate Application and all associated requirements. Note: You must have completed an advanced degree (Master’s, Ph.D., or J.D.) to apply for just the certificate and the GRE is not required.

Minimum Degree Requirements

Students may earn the certificate either in conjunction with a UVM master’s or doctoral degree, or independent of a degree.

The Certificate of Graduate Study in Ecological Economics requires 15 credits, including 3 core courses and 2 approved electives. Students must also demonstrate competency in four areas: Natural Science, Social Science, Management, and Quantitative Methods. 2 of the competencies must be satisfied through 2 elective courses (6 credits) at UVM. The remaining two competencies may be satisfied through additional electives, through appropriate prior graduate course work, or through life experience.

The Certificate of Graduate Study in Ecological Economics requires 15 graduate credits that must be taken at UVM. They are distributed as follows:

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<th>3 core courses (9 credits total) must be taken at UVM while enrolled in the program:</th>
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<td>NR 341 Ecological Economic Theory</td>
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<td>NR 351 Ecological Economics Methods</td>
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Below are examples of courses that could be taken to meet the 4 competencies. At least 6 credits toward competencies must be taken at UVM while enrolled in the program:

Natural Science:
- BIOL 264 Community Ecology
- NR 280 Stream Ecology
- PSS 212 SU: Advanced Agroecology
- WFB 279 Marine Ecology & Conservation

Social Science:
- CDAE 354 Advanced Microeconomics
- FS 345 Food Systems, Soc & Policy
- PA 311 Policy Analysis&Program Eval

Management:
- PA 317 Systems Anly & Strategic Mgmt

Quantitative Methods:
- NR 242 Adv Geospatial Techniques
- STAT 211 QR: Statistical Methods I
- PA 308 Decision Making Models

1 The 15 credits that need to be taken at UVM may be earned either in conjunction with or independent of a UVM graduate degree program.

More information on the Certificate is available from the Gund Institute website.