Frequently Asked Questions

Pioneers for a more sustainable and just world are leading the cultural, political, and environmental shift towards a brighter future. Combine your passion with a degree from Antioch University and master the knowledge, strategies, & tools to lead effective environmental change.

Our commitment to promoting social, economic and environmental justice is not new; our forty-plus year history of delivering visionary, progressive, and interdisciplinary programs will help you strengthen your capacity for collaboration and leadership while developing disciplinary depth and career skills needed to meet environmental challenges.

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Concentration Courses:

- Climate Change: The Science, Uncertainty and Risk (1 credit)
- Climate Impacts: Communication, Facilitation and Stakeholder Capacity (1 credit)
- Climate Impacts: Vulnerability and Adaptation (1 credit)
- Climate Justice and Equitable Adaptation (1 credit)
- Climate Response: Costs and Financing (1 credit)
- Earth Systems and Climate Change I (1 credit)
- Earth Systems and Climate Change II (2 credits)
- Facilitating Organizations towards Sustainable Practices (1 credit)
- Organizational Energy Conservation (1 credit)
- Organizational Materials & Waste Minimization (1 credit)
- Global Cultural Awareness & Literacy (1 credit)
- Introduction to Participatory GIS (1 credit)
- Leadership for Change (3 credits)
- Participatory Action Research (1 credit)
- Policy Advocacy: Climate Change (1 credit)
- Political Economy and Sustainability (3 credits)
- Principles of Sustainable Systems (3 credits)

Immersive International Courses:

- Water Resource Management and Sustainable Practice at Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola in Cusco, Peru (3 credits)
- Energy Decentralization: Microgrid Systems for Rural Development at Kathmandu University - School of Development Studies in Kathmandu, Nepal (3 credits)
- Energy Transition: Renewable Energy Innovation & Sustainability at Reykjavik University and the South Coast in Reykjavik, Iceland (3 credits)

Capstone Project: (3 credits)

- The capstone is a culmination of the student’s skills and knowledge applied to a real world project or thesis.

The core curriculum classes meet online, with a one-week in-person intensive at the Keene, NH campus required in the summer term, along with three immersive experiences abroad.

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- Three 8-10 day immersive course experiences
- Online concentration courses (15 credits)
- Program Capstone: Thesis or Master’s Project (3 credits)
What is the timeline for the entire program? How long will the degree take to complete?

This 36-credit Masters of Science degree can be completed in 20 months, including master’s capstone. You can enter into the program during any semester.

What are the international course travel components of the program?

This degree includes three international field study courses, in partnership with The GREEN Program, an award-winning experiential education program provider. Antioch Environmental Studies faculty will lead students on these three field courses:

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Students will also participate in pre- and post-trip course sessions, virtually and in person, during our Antioch summer intensive. The international field study trips combine coursework taught by in-country faculty and renowned industry experts, exclusive facility access and tours, cultural immersions, capstone project development, and more. All international field study courses will last 8-10 days, inclusive of travel, and will take place during summer, fall, and spring terms.

Who are the faculty for this program?

Online and Antioch campus intensive courses are taught by Antioch University faculty: at.antioch.edu/faculty

Are all of the classes online?

No, this is a richly immersive and relational graduate program. Faculty and students will be together during the summer intensive and three international course field study trips and capstone; in addition, students will take 15 credits of online courses in this 36-credit Masters of Science program.

Is there a master’s capstone project?

Yes, during the second fall semester, students will complete an applied Capstone Project, with the guidance and support of Antioch faculty.
Capstone Project (choose one of the capstone options below):

- Master’s Project: Typically a descriptive, applied independent research project (e.g., address a sustainability challenge in your home community or international area of interest by identifying and developing a solution.)
- Master’s Thesis: Typically an experimental independent research project that may be fundamental or applied (e.g., the effect of salt marsh restoration on shellfish populations in the Gulf of Maine)

What is a Professional Science Master’s designation?

Antioch University is the only graduate school in New Hampshire partnered with the United States Council of Graduate Schools to allow our Environmental Studies students to gain a Professional Science Master’s (PSM) designation for their MS degree. The Professional Science Master’s is an innovative approach to graduate education that enables students to pursue advanced training in science or mathematics without a PhD, while also developing sought-after workplace skills often learned in an MBA program. A PSM designation complements the MS degree by showing prospective employers that our graduates have deep training in both STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and professional skills in business (e.g., finance, grant and proposal writing), communication, leadership, and regulation (e.g., management, administration, program evaluation). Learn more at the Professional Science Master’s website.

What are the requirements to apply? Are there any prerequisites?

To join our MS in Resource Management and Administration program in International Sustainable Development & Climate Change, candidates will complete a competitive application process through Antioch University. We are seeking highly motivated candidates ready to take action on the pressing issues our world faces.

How to Apply

1. Complete the online admissions application, including:
   - Essay questions, admissions and program-specific
   - Resume/curriculum vitae (CV)
2. Submit official transcripts from all colleges or universities where you earned a degree or certificate. (Please note: A minimum of a Bachelor’s degree is required)
3. Two letters of recommendation are required from people who are in a position to evaluate your professional or academic work. The person making the recommendation may not be related to you.
4. There are additional requirements for International applicants and applicants without a Bachelor’s degree
5. Interview with a faculty member of the department to which you seek entry if selected. This can be in person, by phone, or via Skype
6. Master’s and Certificate Programs do not require the GRE or any other standardized test for admissions. We consider all of your application materials, and evaluate your academic potential in a variety of ways.

Official transcripts should be emailed to admissions.ane@antioch.edu or mailed to:
Is Financial Aid available?

Yes. Please contact our Financial Aid Office to find out what choices are available for you.

Call us: 603-283-2490
Financial aid: financialaid.ane@antioch.edu

Will I be able to work full time while completing this degree?

This will depend on the flexibility of your work and your ability to take time away from your place of work during the required intensive sessions on the Antioch campus and abroad. Students in this program will participate in 24-30 days of international field study course travel, a 9-day U.S.-based June summer intensive during the first summer session. The remaining coursework will be online.

What sort of professional paths does this degree prepare students to pursue?

Antioch University’s Department of Environmental Studies has a five-decade track record of educating and launching environmental professionals.

RMA graduates have secured positions in the following areas after graduating from the program:

- Nonprofit conservation and advocacy organizations at the local, national, and international level
- Government departments that manage natural resources, regulate pollution, or monitor environmental compliance
- Public agencies concerned with local and regional land use planning, or which acquire and manage open space
- Environmental consulting businesses engaged in land management and sustainable development, wetlands protection, water resource management, and environmental impact assessment
- Private industry and institutions engaged in meeting regulations for environmental compliance and developing ecologically sustainable management systems
- Entrepreneurship and business start-ups

Is the program accredited?
Antioch University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is an independent corporation that was founded in 1895 as one of six regional institutional accreditors in the United States. HLC accredits degree-granting post-secondary educational institutions in the North Central region.

**Are there ways to off-set the carbon emissions I will produce through the program?**

Yes, definitely. Students and faculty traveling with The GREEN Program will have the opportunity to offset the carbon emissions from their flights. GREEN Programs carbon offsetting funds are dedicated to various sustainability initiatives that are *voted on by our alumni community annually*.

**What happens if I have already been on a GREEN Program?**

GREEN Alumni are welcome and encouraged to apply to this new degree. This is a graduate program at Antioch University. All students will complete graduate-level coursework. If a student has already participated in a GREEN Program session, they will return to the same destination during the degree through a Program Mentor position. Alumni returning as Program Mentors will support our program staff by taking on a leadership role that assists the TGP team with daily management, group dynamics, group activities, facilitating peers through capstone development, etc.

**What will the program cost?**

This 36 credit program has a tuition cost of $1078/credit# for the 27 credits of online and in-person courses. The total cost for the three international courses*, including tuition is $13,700 for a tuition total of $42,806 plus required fees†.

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# Antioch University tuition and fees are subject to change

* GREEN Program fees include all coursework, facility tours, capstone development, food, accommodations, in-country transportation, and private guides for the three international courses.

† Tuition and program fees do not include the cost of travel to and from each intensive/program destination, housing or meals during the on-campus intensives, or discretionary spending for items like souvenirs.