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To whom it may concern:

I have read the proposal for an undergraduate program in Public Policy at Oregon State University and would like to offer my support for the proposal. My comments are with regard to the concentration in environmental policy in the proposal.

From the perspective of the undergraduate program in Environmental Sciences, the proposal will provide students at Oregon State who have an interest in environmental policy an alternative program to consider. The proposed Public Policy major would provide greater depth and focus on policy while at the same time having fewer requirements in science. I think that having such an alternative increases the richness of curriculum offerings at Oregon State and thus offers students a pathway to develop a strong background in environmental public policy.

Like the proposed program in Public Policy, Environmental Sciences is an interdisciplinary program. Students pursuing a Bachelor's of Science in Environmental Sciences currently can select a 27-credit option entitled Environmental Policy and Economics (copied below from the OSU catalog). While many of the course offerings overlap, the difference in requirements is such that students with more of an interest in economics and policy, and less in biology, chemistry, earth sciences, and human-nature relations will find the proposed major a better fit for their interests.

The proposed major in Public Policy with a concentration in Environmental Policy will introduce students to a wide array of policy issues and the skills to address those issues. With this background, graduates will be prepared for work in the public and private sectors, in such areas as policymaking, advocacy, and law. I strongly support the proposal for a new undergraduate program in Public Policy.

Sincerely,

Laurence C. Becker

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Environmental Policy and Economics Undergraduate Option

Print Version

This option is offered within the following major(s):

Environmental Sciences - College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences

Also available via **Ecampus**.

The Environmental Conservation and Sustainability option is for students interested in environmental law, policy and advocacy.

Students must first complete ECON 201. *Introduction to Microeconomics (4)

Core Courses (11)

AEC/ECON 352. *Environmental Economics and Policy (3)
PS 201. *Introduction to United States Government and Politics (4)
PS 475. Environmental Politics and Policy (4)

Electives *(choose a minimum of 16 credits from list below)*

Economics

AEC 311. Intermediate Applied Economics I: Producers and Consumers (4)
AEC 313. Intermediate Applied Economics II: Markets, Welfare & Policy (4)
AEC 351. *Natural Resource Economics and Policy (3)
AEC 434. ^Measuring Resource and Environmental Impacts (4)
AEC 454. Rural Development Economics and Policy (3)
AEC 461. ^Agricultural and Food Policy Issues (4)
ECON 311. Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (4)
ECON 428. ^Introduction to Economic Research (4)
ECON 435. Public Economics (4)
ECON 439. ^Public Policy Analysis (4)
ECON 466. ^Economics of Traditional and Renewable Energy (4)

Policy

AEC 432. Environmental Law (4)
AEC 452. Marine Economics (3)
FOR 460. ^Forest Policy (4)
FOR 462. Natural Resource Policy and Law (3)
FW 415. Fisheries and Wildlife Law and Policy (3)
FW 422. Introduction to Ocean Law (3)
PS 311. Congressional Politics (4)

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PS 314. Interest Group Politics (4)
PS 315. The Politics of Media (4)
PS 316. Public Opinion and Politics (4)
PS 331. *State and Local Politics (4)
PS 455. The Politics of Climate Change (4)
PS 461. Environmental Political Theory (4)
PS 473. US Energy Policy (4)
PS 476. *Science Politics (4)
PS 477. International environmental Politics and Policy (4)
PS 478. Renewable Energy Policy (4)

Applications

ANS/FES/FW/SOC 485. *Consensus and Natural Resources (3)
BEE 411. Global Environmental Change: Using Data to Inform Decisions (3)
BI/FES/TOX 435. *Genes and Chemicals in Agriculture: Value and Risk (3)
FOR 330. Forest Resource Economics I (4)
FW 340. *Multicultural Perspectives in Natural Resources (3)
GEO 309. *Environmental Justice (3)
GEO/GEOG 330. ^*Geography of International Development and Globalization (3)
GEO 350. *Population Geography (3)
or GEOG 331. *Population, Consumption, and Environment (3)
GEO 420/GEOG 430. Resilience-Based Natural Resource Management (3)
GEO 423/GEOG 450. Land Use in the American West (3)
GEO 424/GEOG 441. International Water Resources Management (3)
GEO 425/GEOG 440. Water Resource Management in the U.S. (3)
GEO 426. Development and Global Resources (3)
or GEOG 431. Global Resources and Development (3)
HST 481. *Environmental History of the United States (4)
PS 455. The Politics of Climate Change (4)
SOC 360. *Population Trends and Policy (4)
SOC 480. *Environmental Sociology (4)
SOC 481. *Society and Natural Resources (4)

Total Credits=31