

RESOURCE ECONOMICS AND POLICY

Program of Study

The School of Economics administers the Master of Science in Resource Economics and Policy, and participates in the M.S./PhD. program in Ecology and Environmental Sciences

Students in the M.S. degree in Resource Economics and Policy can focus on the economic analyses of public policy issues relating to natural resource use, environmental quality, marketing of natural resource based products, agricultural production, and economic development of rural communities.

The School approaches research from an economic perspective. In order to actively participate in faculty research projects, students supported on a Graduate Assistantship from the School are required to take a core of research, economic, and statistics courses, or demonstrate they have this knowledge from previous course work.

Requirements of all the M.S. degrees offered by the School include a minimum of 30 graduate degree credit hours. A minimum of 12 credit hours (exclusive of thesis credits) of 500 and 600 level course work is required. All graduate coursework must be at the 400 level or above. Students in non-thesis degrees must complete 27 credit hours of coursework and 3 credit hours of independent study. Students pursuing a thesis degree must complete 24 hours of coursework and 6 credit hours of thesis. Additional specific requirements also apply and are listed in the School's Graduate Student Handbook.

Financial Aid

The School has a number of 9- and 12-month assistantships available for qualified students that are awarded on a competitive basis. Students meeting assistantship requirements earn \$12-15,000 per year plus tuition and subsidized health insurance coverage. Limited other scholarship money is available. Applications should be in by early spring for timely processing and evaluation.

Research Facilities

The School supports graduate student offices, a computer lab and a reading room.

Students

The School normally has 15 to 20 graduate students from around the U.S. and abroad. Students working on departmental projects receive support dollars for travel and other related costs.

Applying

Students come from various backgrounds. Preparation should include one course each in calculus, intermediate microeconomics, and statistics. Applications should be received by early spring.

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Graduate Faculty

George K. Criner, Ph.D. (Washington State, 1983), Professor and Chair. Production, marketing, and waste management.

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Karen J. Buhr, Ph.D. (Carleton University, 2006), Assistant Professor. Health economics, labor economics.

Hsiang-Tai Cheng, Ph.D. (Virginia Polytechnic Institute, 1985), Associate Professor. Marketing, food demand, econometrics.

Todd Gabe, Ph.D. (Ohio State University, 1999), Associate Professor. Regional and community economic development, public finance.

Gary L. Hunt, Ph.D. (University of Colorado-Boulder, 1984), Professor. Demographic and spatial economics, econometrics, mathematical modeling.

Adrienne Kearney, Ph.D. (Pennsylvania State University, 1992), Associate Professor. Monetary theory and policy, macroeconomics, international finance.

James McConnon, Ph.D. (Iowa State University, 1989), Associate Professor. Regional and community economic development, innovation, small business management.

Stephen Reiling, Ph.D. (Oregon State University, 1976), Professor. Recreation economics, non-market valuation, economic impact, policies affecting rural Maine.

Johathan Rubin, Ph.D. (University of California-Davis, 1993), Professor. Environmental regulation and design, economics of alternative transportation fuels and vehicles, economics of greenhouse gas reductions.

Stewart Smith, Ph.D. (University of Connecticut, 1997), Professor. Sustainable agriculture systems, local food networks.

Mario Teisl, Ph.D. (University of Maryland, 1997), Professor. Information economics, food safety, environmental and social marketing, environmental economics.

Philip Trostel, Ph.D. (Texas A & M University, 1991), Professor. Human capital and savings, public economics, labor economics.

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