IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY & DECISION MAKING!

What EPDM Courses Can I take in Spring 2015?

- Courses that count as the Policy Elective or General Elective in EPDM
  - (1 unit) ENVR 201 Environmental Policy Tools & Topics, DeMotts & Sherman T, Thrs 11-12:20
    - Note: this course is anticipated to be a required course in the proposed EPDM major that is now pending approval
  - (1 unit) ENVR/PG 326 People, Politics & Parks, DeMotts Weds. 5-7:50
  - (1 unit) ECON 325 Environmental Economics & Policy, Milam T, Thrs 11-12:20
  - (1 unit) IPE 331 Internatl. Political Economy of Food & Hunger, Peine T, Thrs. 2-3:20

- Courses that count towards General Electives in EPDM. Keep in mind you can assemble partial units (like the .5 and .25 unit courses) into full units of elective credit.
  - (1 unit) ENVR/GEO 316 Mineral Resources & the Environment (lab class), Aird T, Thrs. 9:30-10:50, lab section TBA
  - (1 unit) GEO 310 Water Resources (lab class), Goldstein, T, Thrs. 11-12:20 and lab sections either: Mon. 7-8:50 or Weds. 2-3:50
  - (.5 unit) ENVR 202 Tools in Environmental Science, Hodum Mon. 12-3:50, meets for half the term.
    - Note: this course is anticipated to be a required course for non-science majors in the proposed EPDM major that is now pending approval
  - .25 unit courses, meeting times TBA
    - ENVR 352 Sustainability in Everyday Life, Sherman
    - ENVR 353 Environmental Careers & Callings, Sherman
    - ENVR 354 Contemplative Environments, DeMotts
    - ENVR 355 Sacred Ecology, DeMotts

- Finally, we’re also offering an .25 activity credit course that will not count towards the general elective, but will be fun and useful anyway!
  - ENVR 356 Garden Practices, Peine
What’s going on with the NEWLY PROPOSED MAJOR IN Environmental Policy & Decision Making?

- There is a proposed major in EPDM pending approval by the University’s Curriculum Committee.
  - The major is not yet approved, so there is not a guarantee that this program will be offered. Also, approval could require changes to the proposal outlined below.
  - If the major is approved, our plan is to begin offering it in Academic Year 2016-2017.
- So what is the proposed major?
  - Most importantly, we are proposing a “linked major.” This means that it will not be a “stand-alone” major. Instead students majoring in EPDM will have a primary major in another department on campus. In other words, every EPDM major will be doubling majoring in something else as well. The primary major can be anything else Puget Sound offers as a major.
  - The proposed EPDM major consists of 8 units--4 required units and 4 electives.
  - The required courses will be
    - ENVR 101 (1 unit) Introduction to the Environment, offered each fall.
    - ENVR 201 (1 unit) Environmental Policy Tools and topics, offered spring 2015 and fall 2016
    - ENVR 202 (.5 unit) Environmental Science Tools, offered spring 2015 and spring 2016. Students majoring in a science need not take this course.
    - ENVR 203 (.5 unit) Environmental Science Topics, offered spring 2016.
    - ENVR 400 (1 unit) Senior Seminar--offered each fall.
  - The 4 units of electives can be drawn from the current lists of general and policy electives in the program. One of these units must be from the policy list.
    - partial unit courses--like the growing list of .25 unit courses can be assembled to count for a full unit elective.
- Can I start working toward the proposed major now?
  - Yes. If you are graduating in 2017 or later, you could start selecting courses that would work towards the proposed major.
  - For example, you could take ENVR 201 or ENVR 202 in spring 2015 because they are anticipated to be required courses in the proposed major.
  - Of course, you can also be accumulating elective units as well.
  - Keep in mind you can assemble partial unit courses into a full unit of elective credit.
- Will there still be an EPDM minor?
  - Yes. We will continue to offer the 5 unit EPDM minor.