

# National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Certificate, Cert

**Department:** Environment and Society Department

**College:** S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources

## Overview

### About This Degree

The Department of Environment and Society at Utah State University and the Shipley Group, Inc. formed a partnership to provide a certificate program that offers training related to the National Environmental Policy Act. NEPA is an important environmental law that requires analysis of impacts, alternatives, and mitigation measures for all major federal actions affecting the environment, both within the territorial boundaries of the United States and at foreign military installations.

The NEPA certificate program was designed to prepare natural resource and environmental professionals to meet the challenges of complying with the act and working effectively on NEPA documents. All courses are offered in the short-course format of either two or three consecutive eight-hour days, depending on the course.

### Distance Education

The NEPA certificate is available through USU's [Regional Campuses](#).

## Career Options

Students who complete this program are eligible for jobs with federal, state, and county agencies, as well as environmental consulting firms that prepare NEPA documents (environmental assessments and environmental impact statements).

## What it takes

### Admissions Requirements

To apply and be accepted into the NEPA certificate program, a person must do the following:

- Complete and submit a NEPA certificate program application form to the Department of ENVS at USU. A copy of this form can be obtained by contacting Judy Kurtzman at (435) 797-0922 or by email ([judy.kurtzman@usu.edu](mailto:judy.kurtzman@usu.edu)) or by filling out and printing the electronic application form.
- Provide a transcript documenting the completion of a bachelor's degree.
- Mail both the application and transcript documentation to:  
Utah State University  
Department of Environment and Society  
Attn: Judy Kurtzman  
5215 Old Main Hill  
Logan, UT 84322-5215

### Admissions Deadlines

Participants in the program can apply and be admitted at any time. Students can begin the program any semester, and they have five years from their first semester to finish the program. It is recommended, however, that participants complete the program in two years.

### Financial Assistance

**Cost for the Entire Program - \$5,450**

For individuals willing to pay the cost of the entire program in one lump sum, a special reduced price of \$5,450 is offered. This price includes the cost of course fees, tuition, and all course materials. Payment is due prior to attending the first course in the program.

### **Pay As You Go - four payments of \$1,475 (total: \$5,896)**

A pay-as-you-go option is available for participants who wish to break up the cost of the program and pay for the courses as they take them. The cost of the program is made in four payments of \$1,475. Payments are due prior to the first day of class for the weeks they are enrolled. An 8.25% processing fee is included in this amount, increasing the total cost of the program to \$5,896.

## **Program Requirements**

[Click here](#) to see course requirements for the **Certificate (G)**.

Program participants are required to take a total of eight courses: four required core courses, three elective courses, and one capstone course.

Courses are offered at USU and other locations around the country. All courses are offered in the short-course format of either two or three consecutive eight-hour days, depending on the course. Each course is worth one to two academic credits.

## **Contact**

### **Advisor(s)**

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## **Get Involved**