

“The Bard CEP program offers a great refresher on the many technical aspects of environmental issues that no serious environmental law student should miss.”

—Steven Sarno MS/JD '09, Staff Attorney, United States Environmental Protection Agency OALJ

The dual MS/JD program combines Bard's innovative graduate curriculum with one of the nation's top environmental law programs. This program allows students to complete, in an accelerated period, a master of science degree in either environmental policy or climate science and policy at Bard College and a doctorate in jurisprudence with a certificate in environmental law at Pace University.

Pace Law School has an excellent selection of courses that cover national and international environmental, climate, energy, and land-use topics; an abundance of research opportunities; expert faculty; and hands-on experiences available to its students. The MS/JD dual degree provides a level of depth and understanding that is unmatched, and is excellent preparation for a career in environmental decision making.

Why Bard

- Modular course structure, ensuring thematic cohesion across the curriculum
- Integration of natural and social sciences
- Internships/externships that enhance professional skills and job placement
- Exceptional faculty, experts, and practitioners from two renowned institutions
- Close mentoring of student career preparations
- Extensive contact with environmental organizations, public agencies, businesses, and international organizations

Pioneering Curriculum Design

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Cutting-Edge Degree Programs

Students may begin the MS/JD program at Bard CEP with a first year of course work that provides a foundation in economics, science, policy, and law. The program is designed to enhance learning and provide vital preparation for law school. Lawyers with a background in environmental policy or climate science and policy are equipped to understand complex environmental problems, enabling in-depth analysis and problem solving in the scientific, political, and economic arenas.

MS in Environmental Policy

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MS in Climate Science and Policy

First-year courses focus on the interplay between climate science and solutions. The program trains future policy leaders to guide critical greenhouse gas mitigation and adaptation efforts, working in business, government, and NGOs. Students develop specific expertise in the development and deployment to scale of clean energy technologies and the interaction of ecosystems, agriculture, and climate. Joint class sessions, field trips, guest lectures, and conferences expose students

to the critical issues and practices of climate-change science and current policy issues. Policy experts and natural and social scientists have designed the curriculum for students to gain the sophisticated graduate-level training in policy solutions demanded by employers today. The program focuses on the following themes: Climate Science, Ecosystem and Agricultural Sciences, Energy Conservation and Efficiency, Renewable Energy and Clean Technology, Global Food Security, Life Cycle Analysis, Carbon Sequestration and Offset Projects, Carbon Markets and Incentives, U.S. Legislative Process and Climate, International Negotiations and Development, and Regional Impacts and Adaptation Strategies.

Program Structure

The MS/JD program consists of four years in residence: two and a half years at Pace and one and a half years at Bard. After completing the first year of course work at Bard, students begin a full-time course of study at Pace for the next two and a half years. The internship requirement for Bard CEP may be fulfilled through completion of a previously approved Pace internship, externship, or clinic program that has an environmental focus.

Students return to Bard in the spring of the fourth year to complete a master's thesis, supporting the development of deep individual expertise. In this way, students develop broad knowledge of environmental policy and law; gain a suite of analytical, communication, and problem solving skills; earn professional experience in their chosen field; and finally, become experts on topics that they have selected. Around the world, our alumni/ae are making a difference in private, nonprofit, and public sectors.

Flexible Thesis Research

The master's thesis is the student's chance to specialize and to create an original body of work, often linked to some aspect of the internship/externship, with practical applications to environmental law. Bard CEP theses reflect the multifaceted nature of environmental issues while integrating aspects of the natural and social sciences, humanities, and the law in the policy-making process. The student is expected to pursue a topic intensively, drawing on and integrating knowledge from course work and the internship, and demonstrate skill in developing and conveying recommended policies and action on a particular issue or problem.

Learn from the Best Faculty

The Bard CEP faculty consists of a distinguished core of full-time and affiliated members who are eminent experts and researchers in diverse fields relating to environmental and climate policy and current practices. The high ratio of faculty to students allows for close rapport and individualized guidance.

Join an Exceptional Student Cohort

Our students come from a variety of academic disciplines, and they bring to Bard a passion about their future role as environmental leaders. Although each class is diverse in both background and interests, all students share a common purpose—to understand the complexity of environmental problems, and work toward finding viable and sustainable solutions to tomorrow's environmental challenges.

MS/JD Dual Degree Timeline

Year 1: First-year course work at Bard (in chosen degree)

Year 2: Pace Law School course work

Summer: Pace internship/externship

Year 3: Pace Law School course work

Summer: Pace internship/externship

Year 4: Completion of classes at Pace and Bard

Fall: Final Pace classes; master's thesis proposal submitted to Bard CEP adviser

Spring: Final Bard classes; completion of master's thesis

Admission

Early Deadline: January 15, 2013

Regular Deadline: March 15, 2013

Final Deadline: May 15, 2013

Bard CEP seeks motivated students who are dedicated to becoming leaders in the field of environmental policy. Students are accepted into the graduate program based on an assessment of various components: record of academic achievement, letters of reference, work and career experiences, volunteer activities, and professional goals. Quantitative literacy is required.

Students must apply separately to both programs. For more information about Pace Law School programs, call or e-mail Pace Law School Admissions at 914-422-4210 or admissions@law.pace.edu, or visit online at www.pace.edu/school-of-law.

Bard CEP Degree Options

MS in Environmental Policy

MS in Climate Science and Policy

Dual MS and JD with Pace Law School

Dual MS and MAT

Dual MS and MBA in Sustainability

The 3+2 Program for Undergraduates

Peace Corps Master's International Program

Peace Corps Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program

Professional Certificate