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Masters of Environmental Studies Admissions  
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Dear MES Admissions Council,

I am writing to formally request a waiver for the social science and statistics prerequisites based on my academic and professional experience.

While my previous social science and statistics courses were taken over five years ago (Statistics 412 – Fall 2019 & Economics 101 – Spring 2019), both subject areas have remained relevant to my most recent coursework and my current career in aquaculture.

In the fall of 2021, I took Population Ecology (SOE 441) and Habitat Ecology (SOE 446), both of which required the use of statistical methods and applied them within a wildlife ecology context. After graduating, I continued to refine my statistical skills. During my internship at Hudson Valley Fisheries, I worked on a research project that required statistical analysis. Specifically, when taking rate-of-flow measurements, I used a statistical program to identify the most statistically significant data points.

Regarding the social sciences, I have taken multiple courses that integrated social science principles with environmental studies. Specifically, in the spring of 2022, I completed Natural Resources and Public Land Policy (SOE 438), a course that examined the economic, social, and anthropological impacts of environmental policy on society. This class built upon my foundational knowledge from core economics and sociology courses, allowing me to apply social science concepts within an environmental science framework.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my petition. I appreciate the opportunity to present my qualifications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Garcia". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Cynthia" being more prominent than the last name "Garcia".