

Dear Admissions Committee,

I request a waiver for the social science prerequisite required for admission to Evergreen's Master of Environmental Studies program. Although my undergraduate degree was earned more than six years ago, my academic background and coursework fulfill the intent of this prerequisite.

While at Western Washington University, I completed a minor in Education and Social Justice from Fairhaven College, rooted in social science disciplines, particularly anthropology. My coursework examined cultural dynamics, systemic inequities, and the relationship between social structures and justice practices within the school system. These studies provided me with a solid social science foundation, which I have continued to use in my professional and personal endeavors.

In addition to my academic background, I am committed to ensuring I'm fully prepared for the MES program. If admitted, I plan to enroll in two summer courses at Pierce College: MATH 146 (Intro to Statistics) to fulfill the statistics prerequisite and NSCI 160 (Environmental Biology) to meet the natural science prerequisite.

I hope the admissions committee can take the depth of my undergraduate coursework and my plans to fulfill the other prerequisites as sufficient grounds to waive the social science prerequisite. I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the MES program and feel confident that my academic and professional background aligns with Evergreen's interdisciplinary curriculum.

Thank you so much for considering my request. Please let me know if you need any additional information or documentation.

Sincerely,

Aja Irons