



Dear Percy,

Thank you for your interest in the Graduate Program on the Environment at The Evergreen State College!

Our Master of Environmental Studies (MES) degree, which started in 1984, is a two-year interdisciplinary degree focused on training tomorrow's environmental leaders. Our courses are team-taught in the evening by faculty in the natural and social sciences. Students are admitted every Fall into a cohort of 45 students from a variety of backgrounds and college majors. The program is made up of a series of required comprehensive core classes, as well as electives, internships, independent study projects, and a thesis project. Classes are at night, allowing you to work or intern during the day. Tuition is affordable, and scholarships are available.

Students from all walks of life are admitted into the program. Because the program is interdisciplinary, we admit students with a variety of college majors as long as they have shown interest and experience in environmental issues through their academic, professional, or volunteer experiences. Unlike research institutions, which require students to work with one faculty advisor on their funded research, MES supports students in designing their own thesis project. Furthermore, all MES faculty members, the Director, and the Assistant Director are available to guide students through the program and help them find appropriate learning experiences. Students also receive evaluations instead of grades to assess their performance.

MES graduates go on to work in government, natural resources, environmental education, policy, nonprofits, Geographic Information Systems, and sustainable business. The program focuses on helping students acquire the skills to approach environmental problems from a holistic perspective with an emphasis on collaboration and interdisciplinarity. Our location in Olympia, Washington's state capitol, allows for opportunities with state and federal agencies, as well as local nonprofits.

Please feel free to review our website, as it has the most up-to-date details about the program, including costs: [evergreen.edu/mes](https://evergreen.edu/mes). The Application to the Fall 2025 Cohort in MES is currently open! To receive consideration for admission and financial aid, apply at [evergreen.edu/mes/apply](https://evergreen.edu/mes/apply).

If you would like to learn more about MES at Evergreen, please register for an upcoming info session at [evergreen.edu/mes/visit](https://evergreen.edu/mes/visit). If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to email me at [averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu](mailto:averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu) or reach out through phone at (360) 742-8746.

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