

**Environmental Resources and Policy (ERP):
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SIUC and SIUE**

To expand the educational opportunities of students enrolled in the Southern Illinois University (SIU) System by making available the widest possible variety of graduate curricular offerings while minimizing Institutional costs, the Graduate School at SIU Carbondale (SIUC), working with the College of Science, College of Agricultural Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, College of Engineering and other academic units, and the Graduate School (SIUE), working with the College of Arts & Sciences and other SIUE academic units, agree on the participation of SIUE students in the SIUC doctoral program in Environmental Resources and Policy. The graduate faculty at SIUE and the Director of the Environmental Resources and Policy at SIUC agree on the following terms and conditions.

This document, as well as the description and requirements of the Ph.D. degree program in Environmental Resources and Policy, as listed in the SIUC Graduate Catalog, constitute the basis for post-master's degree students at SIUE to participate in the doctoral program in Environmental Resources and Policy at SIUC.

1. The graduate faculty of the SIUE and the SIUC Environmental Resources and Policy Program agree to cooperate in providing students the opportunity to pursue a Ph.D. in Environmental Resources and Policy.
2. Admission: The requirements for admission to the Ph.D. program in Environmental Resources and Policy are listed on the SIUC Environmental Resources and Policy Program website (<http://erp.siu.edu/admission.php>) and printed in the SIUC Graduate Catalog. The Director of the Environmental Sciences Program at SIUE will be the coordinator at SIUE and an ad-hoc member of the ERP Internal Advisory Board (IAB) at SIUC. In principle, both the SIUE Program Director and the SIUC ERP program director will work closely to evaluate applications of students applying to SIUE, in association with the Deans of Graduate Schools of both campuses, and administer a decision regarding eligibility of individual students. If the decision is to admit, the student's application will be forwarded to the Director of the Environmental Resources and Policy Ph.D. Program at SIUC. Applications will then be reviewed and a final decision to recommend admission to the Graduate School will be administered by the SIUC Environmental Resources and Policy Internal Advisory Board in the same manner other students are admitted to SIUC's program and then by the SIUC Graduate School. The student's Ph.D. committee will determine the need for and nature of any remedial work required. In keeping with common practice in the SIUC Ph.D. Environmental Resources and Policy Program, advisors will be identified at the time of admission,
3. SIUE faculty members of the Environmental Sciences Program, whether tenured or tenure track, who are interested in participating in the Environmental Resources and Policy Ph.D. Program must first apply for graduate faculty status at SIUC, based on the operating paper of the Graduate School at SIUC. Also, those interested in chairing candidacy or dissertation committees must apply for direct dissertation status as well. Participating SIUE faculty at each stage will proceed at SIUC by providing a curriculum vitae to the SIUC Graduate School through the SIUC Environmental Resources and

Policy Program. An SIUE faculty requesting direct dissertation status must be a tenured associate or full professor and be approved by the SIUC Graduate School through the SIUC Environmental Resources and Policy Program. SIUC Environmental Resources and Policy faculty desiring graduate faculty status at SIUE can do so by contacting the Director of the Environmental Sciences Program. Recommendations will be forwarded for approval by the SIUE Dean of Graduate School.

4. **Tuition and fees:** Southern Illinois University Board of Trustee's policy regarding tuition and fees of cooperative graduate programs is incorporated herein and made part of the Memorandum. This policy is as follows: cooperative students can register for classes on either campus. They will pay tuition and fees to the campus at which they registered for the class. Thus, in a single semester students may be registered on both campuses and be paying some tuition and fees on each campus. The exception is if the students are only taking classes at SIUE, in which case they will be registered for one credit of 601 with no charge at SIUC.

A student with a waiver granted on either campus will have that tuition waiver honored on the other campus (whether through GA at SIUE, fellowship at SIUC or DFI, NSF, or other).

5. **Residency:** SIUE will be designated as an approved residence center by the SIUC Graduate School, making courses taken at SIUE applicable toward SIUC residency requirements for graduation.
6. **Courses:** The minimum course requirements in the Environmental Resources and Policy Ph.D. Program are listed in the Graduate Catalog and on the SIUC Environmental Resources and Policy Program website:
(<http://erp.siu.edu/about-the-program/curriculum/core-curriculum-concentration.php>)
Currently, the program requires 9 credit hours of core course work, 24 hours of concentration course work, and 24 hours of dissertation research credit. Up to six credit hours can be approved for transfer to the degree program if they were earned from an accredited institution. Transfer credits will not count toward the residency requirement. The required core course work includes:
 1. ERP 502 Environmental Decision Making (3 credit hours)
 2. A methodology course (3 credit hours) and a science course (3 credit hours) from the approved list of courses; one of the two courses must be taken from SIUC.
 3. ERP 598 Applied Environmental Resources and Policy (1 credit hour each year in residence)
 4. SIUC's 601 Continuing Enrollment course (SIUE students will be registered for 601 at SIUC without any charge)

The 24 hours of elective course work will be taken within an area of chosen concentration. The student and the research supervisor(s) in consultation with the student's graduate committee will determine specific courses. The multi-disciplinary curriculum for each concentration is customized to meet the student's individual interests

and career goals.

In addition, an SIUE student must register for 12 of the 24 hours of dissertation research for residency at SIUC and for the remaining 12 hours at SIUE. Only 6 hours of dissertation research credit may be taken prior to the oral defense of the dissertation proposal and approval of the dissertation proposal. This MOU will be subject to any changes in the requirements approved for the SIUC program.

All graduate courses offered by the two Universities are to be reciprocally recognized as appropriate for application toward the doctoral degree within the requirements of the individual student's program. The institutions may facilitate course delivery via satellite or similar means of distance learning to increase the number of offerings for students from both campuses and to minimize traveling.

7. **Candidacy (Qualifying) Exam:** To become a Ph.D. candidate, an SIUE student will follow existing rules applied to all students in the Environmental Resources and Policy program at SIUC. By the end of the second semester in residence, students must have chosen a concentration and formed a graduate committee to oversee their dissertation research. The graduate committee will consist of five members: two SIUC graduate faculty, two SIUE graduate faculty, an additional member from either institution or an external member who holds graduate status or temporary graduate status as appropriate from the respective institution. Completion of research tools will be determined by the committee.

Written and oral preliminary examinations consist of two parts, one based on the program core material, and one on the student's chosen concentration. When the student has passed prelims and a dissertation proposal is accepted by the committee, students are admitted to candidacy. If prelims are not passed, the student must wait a minimum of three months for the second and final attempt to pass the exam.

8. **Dissertation:** Candidates will be required to present an acceptable dissertation describing original research. A dissertation is written under the direction of the student's dissertation advisor and the student's graduate committee. Dissertation approval is based on a successful oral defense of the dissertation research and approval of the dissertation by the graduate committee. The dissertation research must also be presented in ERP 598.
9. **Exceptions:** Requests for exceptions to admissions or completion requirements will be submitted in writing to the Director of the Environmental Resources and Policy Program at SIUC.
10. **Administrative Support:** Both Graduate Schools will provide financial and administrative support for academic and research interaction between the ERP faculty and students on two campuses, including annual conferences or meetings. Further, senior administrators (e.g. deans, provosts or vice chancellors) will provide specific help and facilitation to the

faculty members of two campuses to pursue external resources (e.g., grant-writing, fundraising) to sustain the growth of ERP program.

11. **Term & Termination:** This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective September 15, 2016 and shall expire July 31 2020 (“Term”) unless earlier terminated as provided herein. Either party (SIUC or SIUE) may terminate this agreement, with or without cause, by providing written notice to the other party at least 90 days in advance of the intended termination date. No less than 180 days prior to the expiration of the Term the Environmental Sciences Program at SIUE and the Environmental Resources and Policy Program at SIUC will confer to decide whether to renew the cooperative program defined herein and the terms and conditions of that renewal. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, any such renewal shall be effective only upon a written agreement signed by the authorized representative of SIUC and SIUE. If this agreement is terminated or not renewed, the then-enrolled Ph.D. students from SIUE will be allowed to complete their program subject to the rules and policies applicable to the program, including but not limited to completion within the maximum number of years allowed by SIUC Graduate School catalog.

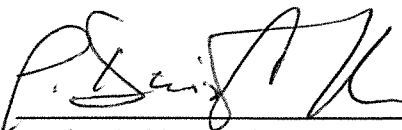
11. This agreement may be modified only by written agreement executed by the authorized representatives of SIUC and SIUE.

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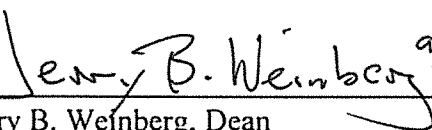
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