MASTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Preparing Tomorrow’s Global Environmental Leaders
“The iMEP Program at Duke Kunshan University seeks to graduate innovative, skilled agents of change, who can offer workable, highly impactful solutions for addressing the world's most pressing environmental dilemmas. Come enroll in our program and become part of a unique group of future leaders in the field of environmental policy and management.”

Denis Simon, Ph.D.
Executive Vice Chancellor, Duke Kunshan University
Demand is skyrocketing for policy analysts and environmental and business managers who understand these issues, can recognize global and local opportunities for addressing them and help governments, businesses and nongovernmental organizations forge solutions. Producing this new generation of global environmental leaders is what the iMEP program at Duke Kunshan is all about.

To capture the skills needed for this new cadre of leaders, the iMEP is the first of its kind to integrate core classes in public policy and environmental management—and this is the distinguishing factor that we are perhaps most proud of. To date, students interested in environmental policy have had to make a choice in their studies: environmental programs focused on management or policy programs centered on general analytical skills and public policy—or they could spend three to four years doing both. Instead, the iMEP program draws together the important core requirements in each, spanning multiple disciplines and professional fields.

Combined with policy research opportunities, internships, professional development and an option to study at renowned Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, USA, the highly analytical iMEP program trains our graduates to serve as incubators of new ideas for policymaking and meeting environmental challenges where they are needed most.

Junjie Zhang, Ph.D.
Director of international Master of Environmental Policy
Duke Kunshan University is a Sino-American partnership that creates a liberal arts-style university in China. Duke Kunshan graduate programs award Duke degrees and maintain the highest standard of quality.

Duke Kunshan’s academic programs integrate scholarship, research and practice, and challenge students to grow as scholars and citizens of the world.
New economic opportunities in emerging economies and around the globe have brought complex environmental challenges—from increased air and water pollution to food security to energy and climate change. Duke Kunshan University’s international Master of Environmental Policy (iMEP) program prepares its graduates to meet these pressing challenges through effective policy solutions drawn from an array of disciplines.

Become a Global Environmental Policy Leader
The program combines a world-class faculty, cutting-edge research center, innovative curriculum and unparalleled career opportunities. You will leave the program with an advanced degree from world-renowned Duke University, and the knowledge and experience you need to devise evidence-based policy solutions to the most urgent environmental problems of our time.
“Students want skills they can use in their jobs: economics, statistics, program evaluation, policy analysis and science translation that are finely tuned to the environmental policy realm. The interdisciplinary nature of the iMEP program sets it apart to uniquely train a new generation of environmental leaders.”

Erika Weinthal, Ph.D., Lee Hill Snowdon Professor of Environmental Policy and Associate Dean for International Programs, Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke University
The iMEP Experience

- Degree from Duke University, ranked No. 3 in the world for environmental management and policy by *US News and World Report*
- Networking and internships in China and the US
- World-class faculty
- Opportunities for research
- Global focus
- Vibrant international community on a LEED-certified green campus

Duke Kunshan University is the first Chinese university campus to be certified by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) campus program.
Duke campus in Durham, N.C.
Building on the strong relationship between the iMEP program and Duke University, iMEP students will have the opportunity to spend a semester at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, USA, where they will interact with the broader Duke faculty, gain additional English-language experience, and build networks with US-based contacts.

At the same time, the program will bring students pursuing a master’s degree from the Nicholas and Sanford schools to Duke Kunshan, further increasing diversity and networking opportunities in the iMEP program. Internships with a range of international organizations, NGOs, and corporations round out the opportunities available to iMEP students.
China-US Climate Change Action and Cooperation
Individualized Career Services

The career services office on the Duke Kunshan campus will help with career counseling and networking, coordinate internship placement and provide workshops and training sessions on resume preparation, oral presentation and professional development.

In addition, high-profile environmental conferences at Duke Kunshan will bring leading government officials and international environmental stakeholders to campus throughout the year, while an annual China environmental policy fair will specifically target employers looking for iMEP interns and graduates and bring them to campus.

Students of the iMEP program emerge with the skills they need to forge evidence-based environmental policy solutions in the public and private sectors. Sample positions that graduates are well placed to secure include:

- Project Manager, Environment Ministry
- Policy Analyst, Environmental NGO
- Supply Chain Specialist, Multinational Company
- Carbon Market Analyst, Consulting Firm
- Solar Power Market Analyst, Financial Firm
World-Class Faculty and Research

The iMEP faculty is internationally recognized for rigorous research and active engagement in current environmental policy debates, with expertise ranging from air and water pollution, energy, climate change, food, ecology and conservation. In addition to the core faculty, a rotating roster of preeminent professors from Duke University will come to Duke Kunshan each semester to teach, conduct research and advise students.

Building on Duke’s environmental reputation, an independent environmental research center at Duke Kunshan supports natural and social sciences research of the highest caliber. The center provides a hub for faculty and students to engage in state-of-the-art interdisciplinary research that seeks to provide solutions to environmental challenges in China and beyond. It also facilitates collaborations with faculty and researchers at Chinese universities and institutes, businesses operating in China and the Pacific region, government officials, consulting firms and NGOs.
Program Leadership

Junjie Zhang, Ph.D.
Director, iMEP Program and Environment Research Center, Duke Kunshan University; Associate Professor, Duke Kunshan University and Duke University

Environmental economist with expertise in the design of policies on air pollution, climate change, and natural resources

Erika Weinthal, Ph.D.
Lee Hill Snowden Professor of Environmental Policy and Associate Dean for International Programs, Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke University

Political scientist with expertise in global environmental politics and natural resource policies, with a particular emphasis on water and energy

William A. Pizer, Ph.D.
Professor of Public Policy, Sanford School of Public Policy, and Faculty Fellow, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Duke University

Environmental economist specializing in the design of market-based climate policies; former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment and Energy, US Department of Treasury

Jim Zhang, Ph.D.
Professor of Global and Environmental Health, Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke University and Duke Kunshan University

Environmental chemist, toxicologist and epidemiologist by disciplinary background working in the field of exposure science
Curriculum

The four-semester, 16-course iMEP is designed to capture the skills necessary for a new generation of environmental leaders. It is the first in the world to draw together the important core requirements in environmental management and public policy. These include economics, political science, sociology, history, law, statistics and environmental science.

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| Year 2                    |                                       |
| Master's Project Capstone¹ | Master's Project Capstone¹           |
| 3 Electives               | Environmental Law, Governance and Regulation |
| Option to study abroad at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, USA | 2 Electives |

Sample electives include:

- Fundamentals of Geospatial Analysis
- Energy Economics and Policy
- Environmental Impact Evaluation
- Business Strategy and the Environment
- Applied Environmental Valuation Methods
- Environment and Development Economics
- Climate Change Law and Policy

¹ Under faculty supervision, small groups of students will work with clients to develop solutions to real-world environmental policy challenges.
Two Superb Locations

Duke University, which is based in Durham, North Carolina, USA, is renowned for its superb academics, beautiful campus and champion-caliber sports. Durham is recognized as a great place to live, consistently ranked as an excellent location for business and careers, along with first-rate restaurants, hometown sports, and countless cultural offerings, including the Durham Performing Arts Center.
The Duke Kunshan campus sits on a 200-acre site within the 1,700+ acre Kunshan Yangcheng Lake Science Park and is the first Chinese university campus to be certified through the LEED campus program, reflecting the university’s commitment to sustainable design.

With a residential culture modeled after the world’s greatest universities, the Duke Kunshan campus environment encourages the exchange of ideas and continuous learning in the classroom and beyond.
As you live and learn at Duke Kunshan, marvel at its unparalleled location in the world’s fastest growing economic power. Kunshan, Jiangsu Province, is one of the most successful international manufacturing centers in China, with more than 2 million people, situated near the historical center of China’s traditional Wu culture.

A free shuttle bus runs regularly between campus and downtown Kunshan, offering easy access to off-campus dining, local shopping, parks and the train station. Enjoy the close proximity to Shanghai and Suzhou, both accessible by frequent high-speed bullet train service.
There is unprecedented demand for policy analysts along with environmental and business managers who understand the issues of environmental policy, can recognize global and local opportunities for addressing them and can help governments, business and NGOs forge solutions. Duke Kunshan’s iMEP program is designed to meet this growing global need.

Students will gain the knowledge, tools and training they need to devise solutions through intensive instruction by researchers from both China and the United States. Core classes will span multiple disciplines, including economics, political science, sociology, history, law, statistics and environmental science.

Targeted Class Profile

- Average enrolling age: 24
- Post-graduate work experience: 0-3 years
- International citizenship (by US status): 70%
- Undergraduate GPA: 3.4-3.8 (4.0 scale)
- GRE: top 20%

Scholarships

Duke Kunshan University is committed to enrolling a highly talented, diverse and international student body. Scholarship support is available to help achieve these goals, and Duke Kunshan is dedicated to providing full or partial scholarships to students who need financial support.
Application Process

Applicants to Duke Kunshan University’s graduate programs must hold the equivalent of a US bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution.

In addition to the prerequisite bachelor’s degree, the following are required:

- Completed online application form on www.dukekunshan.edu.cn
- Resume (less than 2 pages)
- Statement of purpose (500–1,000 words)
- At least two letters of recommendation (two academic references and one professional preferred)
- Transcript from each post-secondary institution attended (an uploaded unofficial transcript with degree posted and other transcripts for all colleges and universities attended)
- Official GRE score (institution code number 5156)
- Official TOEFL score (minimum score of 90 required) or IELTS score (minimum score of 7.0 required)*
- Application fee (payable by credit card at the time of submission of the electronic application)

We recommend students complete both basic statistics and microeconomics courses prior to enrollment

*The program’s language of instruction is English, and written and spoken English proficiency is required. Students who are not native English speakers must provide language evaluation test scores with their application materials.

Deadline

Applications must be received by January 15 to receive full consideration for admissions and financial assistance.