As environmental problems become more scientifically and politically complex, employers and researchers in the environmental analysis and policy fields are increasingly looking to hire graduates who are well-grounded in the natural and life sciences, the workings of the public, private and non-government sectors, and the key policy analysis tools and concepts. The College of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences and the School of Public Policy offer a dual program of studies leading to both the MPP and the Master of Science in Sustainable Development & Conservation Biology in less time and at less cost than if the degrees were obtained separately. Because they can double-count some credits taken in one program towards the other program, students complete a total of 60 credits in the dual program versus 48 in the policy school and 39 in the M.S. program, thus saving 27 credits. Otherwise the requirements of both degree programs must be met.

Candidates must separately apply to the dual degree program in both the M.S. program and the policy school. If admitted by only one program, the student may enroll in that program.

For further discussion of admission and degree requirements, students may consult each school’s website.