4-6-2007

Press release : 2007 : 04 : 06 : New Master's Program

University of South Florida St. Petersburg, Office of University Relations.

Follow this and additional works at: https://digital.usfsp.edu/usfsp_news_press_releases

Recommended Citation

https://digital.usfsp.edu/usfsp_news_press_releases/811

This Other is brought to you for free and open access by the University Advancement at Digital USFSP. It has been accepted for inclusion in USFSP News and Press Releases by an authorized administrator of Digital USFSP.
New Masterís Program

The first academic program added to USF St. Petersburgís graduate studies since the campus achieved separate accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, is now accepting students. The Masterís of Arts in Environmental Science and Policy will focus on teaching students how to create sound public policy.

USF St. Petersburg professor Chris DiElia, Ph.D., says, ìThe goal of the program is to teach students how to develop and implement scientifically defensible public policy that manages the human impact on the natural environment.î This interdisciplinary program will study relevant public policies and their impact on the environment.

Graduates will be able to develop solutions to the increasingly urgent problems resulting from human impacts on the environment, contribute to efforts to better understand and respond to those impacts and protect and manage environmental resources in the face of population growth and economic change.

The program offers two tracks for students: Applied Environmental Science and Society-Environment Interactions. In the Applied Environmental Science track students will explore water resource use and management, habitat and species conservation and the impact of development on natural resources. Challenges unique to the Gulf Coast and Central Florida region will be emphasized. In the Society-Environment Interactions track students will explore the socio-cultural and political contexts in which specific environmental problems arise and are addressed. Policy analysis and development will be emphasized.

USF St. Petersburg students will have the unique opportunity to study their subject matter in Floridaís preeminent natural laboratory. Situated along the shores of Tampa Bay, USF St. Petersburg students will study both in the classroom and in the field along the nearly 587 miles of coastline that surrounds the campus and its community.

For more information contact: Doris T. Dixon, Ph.D., at: (727) 873-4810, dtdixon@stpt.usf.edu or visit the programís website at: http://www.stpt.usf.edu/coas/espg/gradprogram/home.asp