

**Environmental Resources and Policy (ERP) Cooperative Ph.D. Program:
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 at SIU Edwardsville (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 of the Environmental Sciences Department at SIUE and the Director of the Environmental Resources and Policy Program 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 Chair or the Graduate Program Director of the Environmental Sciences Department at SIUE will be the Collaborative Ph.D. Program Director at SIUE and an ad-hoc member of the ERP Internal Advisory Board (IAB) at SIUC. In principle, both the SIUE Collaborative Ph.D. 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 admit or decline will be administered by the SIUC Environmental Resources and Policy Internal Advisory Board and then by the SIUC Graduate School in the same manner as other students. 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 Environmental Resources and Policy Ph.D. Program, SIUC and SIUE advisors will be identified at the time of admission.
3. Graduate Faculty Status: SIUE faculty members of the Environmental Sciences Department, whether tenured or tenure track, who are interested in participating in the Environmental Resources and Policy Ph.D. Program must have graduate faculty status at SIUC. Those interested in chairing candidacy or dissertation committees must have direct dissertation status as well. Participating SIUE faculty will be granted regular graduate faculty status at SIUC by submitting required documentation to the SIUE Graduate School, which will review and send to the SIUC ERP Director, who will provide a recommendation to the SIUC Graduate School for review. An SIUE faculty requesting direct dissertation status must be a tenured associate or full professor and be approved by the SIUC Graduate School. Tenure-track assistant professors may also

request direct dissertation status, consistent with approved criteria in the SIUC Environmental Resources and Policy Program. SIUC ERP faculty requesting graduate faculty status at SIUE can do so by contacting the Chair of the SIUE Environmental Science Department in cooperation with the SIUE 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 and if only taking classes at SIUC, will be registered in UNIV 500 for no charge at SIUE. If the student has a graduate assistantship or fellowship, the tuition waiver shall apply at both campuses.
5. Residency: SIUE is 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 SIUC Graduate Catalog and on the SIUC Environmental Resources and Policy Program website:
(<http://erp.siu.edu/about-the-program/curriculum/core-curriculum-concentration.php>).
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 is to be taken at SIUC.

The 24 hours of elective course work will be taken within an area of chosen concentration at SIUE and/or SIUC. The student and the advisors 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 with the dissertation co-advisor and for the remaining 12 hours at SIUE with the dissertation advisor. Only 6 hours of dissertation research credit may be taken prior to the oral defense of, and subsequent 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 will facilitate course delivery via online distance learning or similar means to increase the number of offerings for students from both campuses and to minimize traveling for course work.

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 Status II 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 admission or completion requirements will be submitted in writing to the Director of the Environmental Resources and Policy Program at SIUC.
10. Joint Outcomes: SIUC and SIUE cooperative doctoral program participants are encouraged to create measurable joint outcomes, such as publications and proposals for external funding and to meet through online means and/or in person on a regular basis.
11. Assessment: The SIUE Ph.D. Program Director will provide requisite assessment data to the SIUC ERP Ph.D. Program Director annually by the required deadline. The SIUC Ph.D. Program Director will confirm that the SIUE assessment measures are aligned to the program's student learning outcomes and are consistent with SIUC assessment measures. The data will be reviewed by both SIUE and SIUC faculty and through relevant campus processes. The data will be disaggregated in the SIUC assessment report.
12. Program Review: The SIUE Ph.D. Program Director will provide requisite program review data to the SIUC Ph.D. Program Director by the required deadline. The data will be reviewed by both SIUE and SIUC faculty and through relevant campus processes. The data will be disaggregated in the SIUC program review report.
13. 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 the cooperative ERP Ph.D. program.
14. Term & Termination: This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective August 1, 2020 and shall expire July 31, 2025 ("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 Department 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.

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

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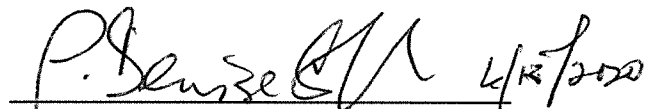
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**Amendment
to
Environmental Resources Policy Cooperative Ph.D. Program MOU
Executed June 8, 2020**

The above MOU is hereby amended to add the following clause.

16. To obtain SIUC library privileges, SIUE faculty participating in this cooperative program can obtain 0% visiting faculty status at their SIUE rank at SIUC with no pay for a time limited period. SIUE faculty wanting SIUC library privileges will provide their CV's to the SIUE Collaborative Ph.D. Program Director, who will send them to the SIUC ERP Program Director to process.