

## What is the GPP?

The Integrated Watershed Science Graduate Portfolio Program provides Master's and doctoral students with an interdisciplinary framework to study and research issues related to understanding the processes that govern how watersheds function – from physical and biological forces to cultural and political influences. The program is designed to supplement existing degrees offered at the The University of Texas. The goal of the program is to help students broaden their experiences with respect to water studies and to create a campus-wide cohort of students and faculty focused on water issues.

The University of Texas at Austin has a wide range of degree programs, coursework and cutting-edge research in fields related to the study of water issues. The Environmental Science Institute has created this portfolio program so that students can take advantage of the enormous amount of resources across the university - from law and policy to basic science - all related to furthering our understanding of water and watershed issues. Students will have the opportunity to become part of a larger community of water researchers and professionals. Apply now and bring your knowledge and skills to the community.

## Interested Students

The Integrated Watershed Science Graduate Portfolio Program is not a stand-alone degree program. It is a degree option that adds depth to existing degree programs at the University of Texas, Austin. If you are applying to UT-Austin to study water issues and are not sure which degree program is right for you, we would be happy to discuss the programs with you after you explore the information on each department's website.



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## Who can apply?

The Integrated Watersheds GPP is open to graduate students in both masters and doctoral programs. You must be in good standing with your degree program, and you must be in both masters and doctoral programs from participating departments (see right panel). New departments can easily be added to the program, so if your department is not listed please contact the Environmental Science Institute.

## Applying to the program?

You may apply to the program at any point in your graduate study – including the semester you anticipate graduating.

## The application process

- An application must be filled out and a one-page essay describing the relationship of integrated watershed science to your degree program and career goals and interests
- Proof of enrollment and good academic standing in an approved graduate degree program
- A statement from your Graduate Advisor/Dissertation Supervisor or such other person who oversees your graduate course of study indicating support of your participation in the program
- A list and written rationale for the four courses (twelve hours) to be used for the portfolio program.

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The application materials (above) may be submitted electronically to [ksebenoler@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:ksebenoler@mail.utexas.edu) or mailed to:

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## Portfolio Plan Requirements

The requirements of the portfolio program are four courses and a scholarly product such as a paper or oral presentation. The four courses must be related to watershed science/engineering, watershed policy/planning and a field course (see below for a list of the required course areas). The courses can be part of the required coursework for your degree, but at most one course may be taken as an independent study. The course requirements are:

- One course on topics in integrated watershed science or engineering
- One course on topics in integrated watershed policy or planning
- One course in integrated watershed science that contains a substantial field component
- One advanced elective course in the field of integrated watershed science

\* At least two courses should be outside student's department.

\*\* International experiences/courses taken for credit may count for up to two of the courses as approved by the Faculty SC.

## Participating Departments

- Jackson School of Geosciences
- Department of Civil Engineering
- School of Architecture
- LBJ School of Public Affairs
- School of Law
- Marine Science Institute
- Department of Geography and the Environment
- Graduate Program in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
- Graduate Program in Plant Biology

For full details about the program and applications:  
[www.esi.utexas.edu/watersheds/portfolio.html](http://www.esi.utexas.edu/watersheds/portfolio.html)