Energy Policy MSc (online)
The Energy Policy MSc (online) has been designed to help you develop the critical and systemic thinking needed to steer the shift towards sustainable energy in the public, private and third sectors. Building on the influential research of the Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU), you’ll be taught by leading academics who are developing new interdisciplinary thinking in energy policy and applying this to contemporary challenges around the world.

The course offers a distinct interdisciplinary, social science training in energy policy. Incorporating ideas from economics and political science, you’ll focus on real-world policy problems and learn the skills required to analyse them, and propose viable policy solutions. Innovation is a key focus throughout the course.

We invite applicants from all backgrounds and experiences to join this course. You just need to be passionate about driving change by developing policies and solutions for a sustainable future, within the energy sector.*

*Academic and English language requirements apply.
WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

Explore the importance of innovation in concepts, theories, debates, issues and challenges in energy and climate policy.

Understand the importance of an interdisciplinary perspective to the study of Energy Policy, comparing and combining different theoretical frameworks, empirical evidence and analytical approaches.

Develop skills in a variety of social science research methods and learn how to apply these to the analysis and evaluation of contemporary energy policy problems in both developed and developing countries.

Learn through interactive teaching, engage with classes and collaborate with your fellow students, from wherever you and they are in the world.

Gain the skills and confidence to pursue a career in a wide range of settings including business, government, academia, consultancy and NGOs.

Study at a time and place that suits you, without taking away from your career or personal commitments.

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FLEXIBLE STUDY TO FIT AROUND YOUR LIFE AND CAREER

Many of our students fit Masters study around their job or family commitments. Our courses have been designed with the flexibility to accommodate this.

The Energy Policy MSc (online) is made up of 12 modules taught in three blocks of four. If you complete the 12 modules consecutively you will gain your MSc in two years. If you need to take a break from the course at any time, during a particularly busy time in your career or life, you can step on and off the course as you need to*.

We recommend you allow approximately 20 hours a week for your studies, which you can do at any time that suits you.

*Maximum study time four years.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Graduates from the Energy Policy MSc* are making a difference in a variety of sectors including:

- International organisations (such as the OECD, UNDP, UNEP, IEA, and IRENA)
- Government departments (such as the UK Department of Energy and Climate Change, Government of British Columbia, Canada)
- Local authorities (such as the Brighton & Hove Council sustainability team)
- Businesses (such as RWE npower, Ecofys, EDF, Unilever, Southern Solar, Renaissance Re, Centro de Apoio a Inovação SocialCAIS)
- NGOs (such as the International Social Science Council, Green Jobs Alliance, People and Planet).
- Other graduates have gone on to work for independent consultancies, or to study for PhDs in this area.

*on-campus.

FIND OUT MORE

For more information on the Energy Policy MSc (online) and studying online with the University of Sussex, please visit our website or contact our Admissions Team.

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