# MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICY CONCENTRATION

The Environmental Politics and Policy concentration is designed to help students develop the knowledge and skills to analyze the connections between politics and the natural world, and pursue careers in environmental politics and policy-making. Students will learn about how political forces contribute to environmental degradation, the process for developing environmental policies, strategies to assess the strengths and weaknesses of different policy approaches, and how political forces can be harnessed to develop effective responses to problems such as climate change, water and air pollution, food security, and energy provision. Students will explore these issues from both domestic and global perspectives. Environmental Politics and Policy students are strongly encouraged to complete an internship to gain practical experience working in the field.

## Learning Outcomes

Students majoring in Political Science shall demonstrate the following:

- Ability to reason through political claims and assertions by political actors
- Skill in recognizing and responding to diverse ideological perspectives
- Ability to locate political issues and controversies within their relevant institutional and historical contexts
- Familiarity with the institutional processes of politics in numerous global and domestic political arenas
- Confidence in expressing opinions and presenting analyses of political problems and their solutions

## Potential Occupations

Graduates may work as policy analysts, advocates, planners, educators or decision-makers in government agencies, non-profit organizations, businesses and consulting firms at the local, state, national and international levels.

For further information on declaring the Major in Political Science, Environmental Politics and Policy Concentration, please schedule an appointment with a College of Liberal Arts Academic Success Coordinator by calling 970-491-3117 or visit Clark C 207.