



Environmental Politics



Hints and Tips

- 85% of MPs have attended Higher Education.
- Politics degrees involve some consideration of global politics, so an interest in international affairs, such as the G7 summit, is a must.

Do you have an interest in influencing the government's stance on the environment?

- You will need to have English and Maths at GCSE and 2 or 3 A Levels or equivalent Level 3 course.
- Many institutions offer Level 3 Politics courses and Politics degrees, however if you want to influence Environmental Politics you may alternatively choose a course related to the environment, such as Geography, Geology or the Sciences.
- Politics jobs can be extremely varied – from working in Parliament and creating laws, to working with Local Councils and influence policy and spending, to working with charities lobbying for change, to working for national and multi-national companies.
- In these roles you need to be a good communicator and enjoy working alongside lots of different people. You need to be organised, persuasive and analytical.
- Lots of institutions will have opportunities to be involved in politics through societies or volunteering even if you don't choose to study the subject.

What to Study?

- Environmental Policy with Economics
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Science and Politics
- Politics
- Politics and Geography

Where to Study?

- Cardiff University
- London School of Economics and Political Science
- Swansea University
- University of Birmingham
- University of Exeter
- University of East Anglia
- University of Stirling

Career Prospects?

- Environmental economist (£25,000 to £80,000)
- Environmental health practitioner (£25,000 to £60,000)
- Government social research officer (£25,000 to £55,000)
- Policy officer (£22,000 to £50,000)
- Politician's assistant (£18,000 to £50,000)
- Public affairs consultant (£18,000 to £100,000)