The Economics and Politics of the Environment (EPE) specialization trains students to develop and implement public policies dealing with environmental problems, to manage public environmental resources, and to understand how firms and other organizations respond to these policies and management systems. EPE students acquire knowledge about interactions between the public sector and the private sector and about the impact of political processes on efforts to solve environmental problems.

Students in the EPE specialization take courses in natural resource economics and policy, cost benefit and environmental policy analysis, in addition to developing technical skills and expertise in a substantive area. A more detailed explanation of the curriculum can be found on the EPE website.

Sample job placements for recent EPE Bren School graduates:

- **Policy Research Analyst**
  BCS, Incorporated
  Washington, DC

- **Science and Policy Analyst**
  Heal the Bay
  Santa Monica, CA

- **Economics Research Assistant**
  Chinese Academy for Environmental Planning
  Beijing, China

- **Mitigation Specialist**
  WRA Environmental Consultants
  San Rafael, CA

- **Project Manager**
  California Land Stewardship Institute
  Napa, CA

- **Environmental Protection Specialist**
  US Environmental Protection Agency
  Washington, DC

- **Environmental Policy Associate**
  ENS Resources, Inc.
  Washington, DC

- **Presidential Management Fellow**
  USDA Forest Service
  Portland, OR

- **Catch Shares Spatial Analyst**
  Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)
  San Francisco, CA

- **Deputy Director**
  Ministry of the Environment
  Tokyo, Japan

- **Sustainability Associate**
  California Institute of Technology
  Pasadena, CA

- **Environmental Planner**
  Rincon Associates
  Ventura, CA

Recent EPE internship placements include:

- Beartooth Capital Partners
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- Conservation International
- Environmental Defense Fund
- Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary
- Morro Bay National Estuary Research Reserve
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- Ocean Conservancy
- Sierra Nevada Alliance
- Sustainable Fisheries Group
- The Equinox Center, Policy and Communication Division
- The Nature Conservancy
- United Nations Economic Commission of Europe
- United Nations Environmental Programme
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- USDA Forest Service Chief’s Scholars Program
- Woodard & Curran
- World Wildlife Fund (WWF)