

Environmental Justice Analyses for NEPA Procedures

Duration: Six months

Credit Hours: 12 Hours

General Information

The Swamp School's Environmental Justice (EJ) Analyses for NEPA Procedures training course is a unique blend of live, interactive, and online modules.

The course is designed to get you trained at a pace and schedule that is convenient for you and is presented in a topic format. You will have six months to complete the course with our on-demand format.

Course Description

Executive Order 12898 (1994) directs Federal agencies to analyze the impacts to human health and social effects of their proposed actions. However, each Federal Agency has a different methodology for evaluating environmental justice. The Swamp School has compiled the recommended practices and procedures developed by the Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice (EJIWG), the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), along with other federal agencies, to create this environmental justice analysis training course.

As a result of this training, students will know how to screen for at-risk minority and low-income communities in an action area. They will plan to initiate meaningful involvement with said communities. They will also be able to evaluate the impact analyses to determine whether there are disproportionate and adverse effects towards a minority or low-income community.

Throughout the class, students will create an EJ impact analysis based on mock project established in the class assignments.

Course Requirements

Students are expected to present original work for all assignments, respond to forum discussions, and provide responses to other students' discussions to receive full credit for this portion. ALL information for course assignments (data forms, maps, pictures, drawings, etc.) must be current and completed within the time limit of your published course start and end dates, unless a specific exception to this policy is granted by the staff of the Swamp School. Submissions completed for an employer's work-related project will be accepted if they meet the time restrictions mentioned above.

Class assignment submissions may include essays, pictures, maps, and other course-related material. Students must also complete several quizzes and a final exam.

Instructor Contact - Directly within the class via Moodle e-mail

Time Limits

While there are no specific time limits to complete a topic, a suggested pace is to complete one topic per week whenever possible.

NOTE: If the student falls more than three-four weeks behind during the class term, they will be sent a courtesy notice to inquire if any circumstances may affect their progress. The instructor will work with you to help you get back on track.

Plagiarism and Writing Standards

The Swamp School's expectation is that all student work will be original. A detailed description of our policy on proper submission of an assignment is outlined in our Plagiarism Statement and Writing Standards.

Grading*

Assignments	35%
Final Exam	25%
Discussions	15%
Presentations	15%
Quizzes	20%

*A minimum overall grade of 80% on all assignments and tests is required to pass this class.

Course Schedule

Module	Topic
Topic 1	Environmental Justice and NEPA
Topic 2	Scoping and Meaningful Involvement
Topic 3	Defining the Affected Area and Community
Topic 4	Impact Analyses
Topic 5	Impact Determination and Mitigation