Welcome

The Energy and Earth Resources (EER) Graduate Program provides a unique opportunity for people seeking analytical and leadership positions in resource-related fields. Perhaps more than any other program in the United States, EER can help you gain knowledge across the disciplines of management, finance, economics, law, and policy as they relate to natural resources. We designed EER to meet a growing need in both the private sector and government for professionals who can manage complex resource projects that are often international in scope. The program is well suited for those looking toward 21st century careers in energy, mineral, water, and environmental resources.

Students who enroll in EER are already proficient in one or more areas, seeking to add expertise in geosciences, engineering, business, finance, economics, law, policy, or the environment. Most EER graduates pursue careers in resource management or planning. While EER has historical strength in oil and natural gas, we offer courses and research opportunities in alternative energy, mineral resources, and water.

Thank you for your interest. I invite you to read further or plan a visit to determine if Energy and Earth Resources is for you.

William L. Fisher
Director
Most students entering the EER program intend to significantly advance their careers in the business, finance, planning or management areas of resources. The EER experience translates into the skills that lead to their success: excellent verbal and communication capabilities, strong ethics, familiarity with cutting-edge technology, and knowledge of government processes.

Graduates may specialize in fields such as commodity analysis, policy and planning, risk analysis, feasibility studies, education, research, or environmental issues. Many first launch their careers in Houston, the heart of the petroleum industry in the United States; but the
global nature of the industry leads others to foreign destinations for exploration, research, and production. EER alumni can be found across the globe—Brazil, Switzerland, Japan, Thailand, Saudi Arabia, Australia—working in multinational petroleum companies, consulting firms, mining and exploration firms, research institutes, and all levels of government agencies.

To date, our graduates have accepted opportunities with Anadarko, BP, Cabot, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil, Korea Gas Corporation, Petrobras, PXP, Shell, TOTAL, Schlumberger, and Wood Mackenzie, to name a few.
From Our Students:

“Everybody knows that the University of Texas is at the forefront of energy. But it wasn’t until I got to Austin that I realized the breadth of experiences possible. If you’re interested in energy finance, policy, modeling or more—this is the place to be. It’s all energy all the time—and I love it.” —Ben Sigrin, Class of 2012

“As a professional with preceding experience in the energy sector, my search for a high quality program at a prestigious university led me to EER. It’s known and respected around the world. Now that I’ve graduated and am back in energy, UT has provided me with the knowledge and skills to combine my prior experience with up-to-date insights from business, policy, earth resources, science and engineering.” —Jose Chavez, Class of 2010

“I chose EER because of its flexibility. Coming from a technical background, I wanted to know about the public policy, resource economics, and business sides of energy. The LBJ School, McCombs, Cockrell, and Jackson School all have terrific programs and as an EER student I am able to tailor my course work based on my interests. The structure lets me take full advantage of all that UT has to offer so I have a holistic understanding of energy and related issues.” —Pimjai Hoontrakul, Class of 2012

“EER provides the holistic understanding of energy necessary for a balanced and realistic perspective.” —Nate Lapierre, M.A. ‘09
Five Degree Options

» Master of Science in Energy and Earth Resources (MSEER)
» Master of Arts in Energy and Earth Resources (MAEER)
» Dual Master’s Degree in EER (MA/MS) and Public Affairs (MPAff)
» Dual Master’s Degree in EER (MA/MS) and Global Policy Studies (MGPS)
» Dual Master’s Degree in EER (MA/MS) and Business Administration (MBA)

Highlighted Faculty

More than 20 faculty from multiple colleges and schools at UT Austin (geosciences, business, public affairs, engineering, and law) participate in the EER program. These are some of the most active professors:

Dr. J. Eric Bickel
Assistant Professor, Operations Research/Industrial Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Petroleum and Geosystems Engineering; Center for International Energy and Environmental Policy

Dr. James S. Dyer
Foster Packer Centennial Professor in Finance and Management, McCombs School of Business

Dr. John S. Dzienkowski
John S. Redditt Professor In State and Local Government, School of Law

Dr. William L. Fisher
Leonidas T. Barrow Centennial Chair in Mineral Resources, Jackson School of Geosciences
To research her EER master’s thesis, Castlen Kennedy, M.A. ‘11, conducted the “Green American Road Trip,” driving a natural gas Tahoe from Austin to Boston to study fueling options and economy.
To Apply

All students apply to EER through the standard online application process for The University of Texas at Austin. Dual-degree applicants must meet admissions requirements and deadlines for both programs in the dual degree. Applications must be complete by December 1 for EER priority fall admissions. For complete instructions and links to affiliated graduate programs, visit our website at

http://www.jsg.utexas.edu/eer

Affiliated Graduate Programs at UT Austin

Jackson School of Geosciences
McCombs School of Business
LBJ School of Public Affairs

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