

The Capstone project is a central pillar of the Masters of the Environment (MENV) degree. All MENV professional graduate students at the University of Colorado Boulder must successfully complete a 5-credit hour Capstone Project and three accompanying one-hour courses, Capstone Innovation Lab 1 (CIL 1), Capstone Innovation Lab 2 (CIL 2), and Capstone Innovation Lab 3 (CIL 3) as part of their degree requirements. CIL courses are designed to help guide students from the project planning phase through synthesis, analysis, and the production of professionally oriented work products and services. The CIL sequence consists of a 1-credit courses in the first fall semester; in the first spring semester, at the start of the Capstone process; and in students' second fall semester.

1. This exception only applies to students enrolled in graduate studies that require immediate participation in internships, practicums, or other experiential learning.
2. This exception is not available for students enrolled in undergraduate studies, or to graduate students whose studies do not require immediate training.
3. This exception is available only for curricular practical training, not optional practical training.

Based on the ISSS understanding of the nature of the MENV Capstone activities in the Spring semester, ISSS advises that CPT would generally not be needed because this is a planning period that generally does not require an off-campus component. CPT authorization would be needed in the summer when the students begin their internship-like activities off-campus. If something changes and a student does need to begin their internship-like activities off-campus during the spring semester, then CPT authorization would be required and the exception to the academic year stated above would apply.

Students may follow these steps to set and activate the Curricular Practical Training.

For this purpose, you may list Kimberly Kosmenko as the Graduate Program Advisor (in her capacity as Capstone Lead.)

ISSS has an [Academic Training handout](#) for J-1 students. The students in J-1 status can reach out to Kim Schorr (Kimberly.Schorr@colorado.edu) to discuss academic training.

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