

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, B.A.

The Bachelor of Arts in environmental studies prepares students to address complex environmental problems requiring knowledge from multiple social and scientific disciplines. Students learn to evaluate environmental challenges and to develop just and sustainable solutions that integrate social and economic needs with scientific and technical understanding. The program offers an interdisciplinary and collaborative approach that encourages students to combine coursework in sustainability, anthropology, political science, geography, history, economics, business, media arts and journalism to create an individually tailored curriculum.

Environmental studies majors are prepared to work in areas ranging from sustainable business practices to advocacy and integration of data into policymaking. Strong analytical and communication skills prepare students for graduate or professional school and/or a range of career options in environmental policy, compliance, conservation, resource management and sustainability in the private sector and non-profit or governmental organizations.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate their knowledge of fundamental concepts in environmental studies.
2. Students will be able to utilize information from more than one discipline related to environmental studies, and be able to synthesize that information to analyze interdisciplinary environmental problems.
3. Students will demonstrate effective writing skills.
4. Students will demonstrate effective oral communication skills.

Admission, Progression and Transfer Standards

Environmental Studies majors may enroll in a course for major credit a maximum of twice to earn the required grade of **C** or higher. For the purposes of this standard of progression, withdrawal with a **W** does not constitute enrollment.

Special Opportunities

The major endorses the use of independent study courses to further students' intellectual pursuits in alternative ways. Before students may register for an independent study course, they must submit a completed independent study contract which has been approved by their major advisor and the Director of Undergraduate Studies. No student may apply more than 6 hours of independent study credits toward the degree. A grade-point average of 2.50 or greater is required to enroll in independent study courses