Environmental Studies

Environmental Studies is an emerging field, and recognition of its value, as well as what it includes, is continually and rapidly evolving. Focusing on the nature and dynamics of relationships between environment, people and technology, this interdisciplinary field can be focused towards any of hundreds of specialty areas.

As the limits to growth and consumption are becoming increasingly apparent while at the same time populations continue to explode, the need for professionals with the scientific and systems understanding to assist people, businesses, organizations, communities and governments to negotiate environmental challenges grows. The job outlook for environmental scientists as well as other professionals in the environmental field are some of the most promising, with growth expected upwards of 25% in many scientific and technical arenas. Other areas, such as education, communications, and public policy are also expanding, and are likely to continue to do so. Nevertheless, at this time, environmental studies majors will still need to hone their ability to articulate the importance and potential of their discipline as they enter the job market.

Some career possibilities for Environmental Studies majors:

- Agronomist
- Air Quality Control Specialist
- Biochemist
- Biological Restoration Expert
- Biologist
- Botanist
- Cartographer
- Civil Engineer
- Community Organizer
- Conservation Administrator
- Ecologist
- Economist
- Educator
- Entrepreneur
- Environmental Consultant
- Environmental Economist
- Environmental Engineer
- Environmental Health Inspector
- Environmental Investigator
- Environmental Planner/Policy Analyst
- Environmental Scientist
- Epidemiologist
- Fisheries Manager
- Fish and Game Warden
- Forester
- Geographer
- Geologist
- Geomorphologist
- Geophysicist
- Groundskeeper (Gardener)
- Hazardous Waste Technician
- Hydrologist
- Illustrator
- Industrial Developer
- Landscape Architect
- Lobbyist
- Military Scientist
- Mining Engineer
- Natural Resources Manager
- Nursery/Greenhouse Manager
- Oceanographer
- Park Ranger
- Park Service Worker
- Physicist
- Plant Scientist
- Pollution Control Technician
- Range Manager
- Resource Manager
- Researcher
- Satellite Imagery Specialist
- Site Location Analyst
- Site Selection Expert
- Soil Conservationist
- Teacher
- Terrain Analyst
- Urban/Regional Planner
- Veterinarian
- Water Resources Specialist
- Waste Management Specialist
- Wastewater Treatment Operator
- Wildlife Biologist
- Zoologist

Possible employers of Environmental Science majors:

- Bureau of Land Management
- Colleges & Universities
- Consulting Firms
- Engineering Firms
- Environmental Organizations
- Environmental Protection Agencies
- Libraries
- Local, State, Federal, & Tribal Government
- Map Companies
- Military
- Mining Companies
- National, Local & State Parks
- Oil & Gas Companies
- Planning Agencies
- Research Firms
- Special Interest Groups
- Textbook Publishers
- Travel Agencies
- Wildlife Protection Organizations

Professional Organizations & Additional Information:

- American Planning Association
  1776 Mass. Ave., NW, Suite 400
  Washington, DC 20036-1904
  www.planning.org/

- Environmental and Engineering Geophysical Society
  1720 South Bellaire, Suite 110
  Denver, CO 80222-4303
  www.eegs.org

- National Association of Environmental Professionals
  389 Main St, Suite 202
  Malden, MA 02148
  www.naep.org

- National Association of State Foresters
  444 N Capitol St, NW, Ste 540
  Washington, DC 20001
  www.stateforesters.org

- Honor the Earth
  2104 Stevens Avenue South
  Minneapolis, MN 55404
  www.honorearth.org

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  1200 Penn. Ave, NW
  Washington, DC 20460
  www.epa.gov

- Indigenous Environmental Network
  PO Box 485
  Bemidji, MN 56619
  www.ienearth.org

- Native Americans & the Environment
  www.cnie.org/nae