

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

What is Environmental Studies? (from <http://www.albright.edu/catalog/enviro.html#estudies>)

“Students who wish to learn about the environment from the perspective of the social sciences and humanities may choose a concentration or co-concentration in environmental studies. This field of study is rooted in the liberal arts tradition of diversity and critical thought and requires course work in the politics, anthropology and psychology of the environment. In addition to hands-on natural science, students may choose to study ecological history, environmental economics and/or the application of philosophical ethics to the natural world.

This interdisciplinary, or combined, concentration helps prepare students for careers in government, public advocacy or consulting, or for graduate study in law or other fields involving environmental issues.”

What are the career opportunities for an Environmental Studies Graduate?

Related Career Titles

Ecologist	Forest Ranger	Environmental Analyst
Fund Raiser	Air Pollution Analyst	Environmental Consultant
Geographer	Architect	Environmental Educator
Environmental Lawyer	Environmental Lobbyist	Journalist, Author
Management Consultant	City Planner	Environmental Planner
Conservation Agent	Natural Resource Specialist	EPA Inspector
Conservationist	Outdoor Trip Leader	Resource Economist
Park Ranger	Urban/Regional Planner	Teacher
Photographer		

How can you get ready? (from <http://career.utk.edu/students/majors.asp>)

- Environmental studies and environmental science differ from each other in the amount of science course work needed.
- Environmental studies provides a broad base of hard sciences as well as liberal arts or social science course work.
- Environmental science incorporates hard sciences and environmental sciences.
- Choice depends upon career focus. For example, administration or policy-making versus technical areas or research.
- Combine liberal arts skills with analytical skills to increase employability.
- Obtain these skills through internships, co-ops, volunteer work, summer jobs or independent research projects.
- Become familiar with current environmental laws and regulations. Stay up to date with changing environmental legislation.

- Join related professional associations; read related literature and journals to keep up with new developments.
- Attend seminars, conferences and workshops sponsored by professional associations or public interest groups.
- Network and get to know people who are working in your area of interest.
- Research agencies/organizations of interest before applying for a position.
- Learn local, state and federal government job application procedures.
- Obtain graduate degree for job security/advancement.

Related Major Skills

Summarize research findings	Report results-written/verbal	Analyze data
Perceiving patterns and structures	Applying logic to problems	Attention to details
Apply concepts	Utilizing formulas	Gather information
Apply knowledge creatively	Define problems	Assess risks
Use laboratory equipment	Precision and accuracy	Computer literacy
Evaluate data and results	Organize and report data	Inform and explain
Technical writing		

What about the future?

“Employment of urban and regional planners is expected to grow 15 percent from 2006 to 2016, faster than the average for all occupations. Employment growth will be driven by the need for state and local governments to provide public services such as regulation of commercial development, the environment, transportation, housing, land use, and development for an expanding population. Nongovernmental initiatives dealing with historic preservation and redevelopment will also create employment growth.

“Employment of conservation scientists is expected to grow by 5 percent during the 2006-16 decade, more slowly than the average for all occupations. The management of storm water and coastlines has created demand for people knowledgeable about runoff and erosion on farms and in cities and suburbs. The opening of federal lands to leasing by oil and gas companies is creating healthy demand for range scientists and range managers, who are finding work with consulting companies to help write environmental impact statements. Additionally, soil and water quality experts will still be needed as states design initiatives to improve water resources by preventing pollution by agricultural producers and industrial plants. A small number of new jobs will result from the need for range and soil conservationists to provide technical assistance to owners of grazing land through the Natural Resource Conservation Service.”

Learn more about alternative career titles by going to <http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>.

Available at Albright College Career Development Center's Resource Library

- Great Jobs for Environmental Studies Majors, Julie DeGalan and Bryon Middlekauff
- Career Opportunities in Politics, Government and Activism, by Joan Axelrod-Contrada
- Career Opportunities in Science, by Susan Echaore-McDavid
- Careers for Animal Lovers and Other Zoological Types, Louise Miller
- Careers for Environmental Types and Others Who Respect the Earth, by Jane Kinney and Michael Fasulo
- Careers for Nature Lovers and Other Outdoor Types, by Louise Miller
- Careers for Plant Lovers and Other Green Thumb Types, by Blythe Camenson
- Careers for Scholars and Other Deep Thinkers, Blythe Camenson
- Careers for Scientific Types and Other Inquiring Minds, Jan Goldberg
- The Complete Guide to Environmental Careers in the 21st Century, by E.C.O.
- Great Jobs for Biology Majors, by Blythe Camenson
- Great Jobs for Political Science Majors, by Mark Rowh
- Opportunities in Animal and Pet Care, by Mary Price Lee and Richard S. Lee
- Opportunities in Energy Careers, by John H. Woodburn
- Opportunities in Environmental Careers, by Odom Fanning
- Opportunities in Government Careers, by Neale Baxter
- Opportunities in Horticultural Careers, by Jan Goldberg
- Opportunities in Landscape Architecture, Botanical Gardens and Arboreta, by Blythe Camenson
- Opportunities in Nonprofit Organization Careers, by Adrian A. Paradis
- Opportunities in Zoo Careers, by Blythe Camenson

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Links found at <http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/environmentstudies.htm>.

Job and Internship Search Links

- Environmental Internships/Jobs http://www.ecojobs.com/login_subs.php (contact the Career Development Center or visit the Ask JIM Resource Library for the user id and password)
- Environmental placement agencies <http://www.etiprofessionals.com/>
- Pollution Online <http://www.pollutiononline.com>
- Environmental Organizations Web Directory <http://www.webdirectory.com>
- Environmental Protection Agency online Internet recruitment system <http://www.epa.gov/ezhire>
- Environmental Jobs and Careers <http://www.ejobs.org>
- EnviroDirectory MidAtlantic and EnviroDirectory New England (environmental majors job searching tool) <http://www.EnviroDirectory.com>
- Environmental Careers Bulletin <http://www.eceajobs.com>
- Cyber-Sierra's Natural Resources Job Search <http://www.cyber-sierra.com/nrjobs/read.html>
- Environmental Career Center <http://environmental-jobs.com/>

- NAEP (National Association of Environment Professionals) - job listings <http://www.naep.org/RESOURCES/jobs2.html>
- Wetland-related jobs <http://www.sws.org/jobs>
- Water-quality positions <http://www.wef.org/careeropp>s
- Nature Jobs, <http://www.naturejobs.com>
- Environmental Careers, <http://www.environmentalcareer.com>
- Environmental Jobs and Careers, <http://www.ecoemploy.com>

Career Planning Links

- Environmental News Network <http://www.enn.com/>
- Ecological Society of America job listings <http://www.esa.org/opportunities/>
- EnviroNetwork <http://www.environetwork.com/>
- Green Dream Jobs <http://www.sustainablebusiness.com>
- Greenbiz.com Joblink <http://www.greenbiz.com/jobs>
- The Student Conservation Association-Internship and job listings <http://www.thesca.org>
- Environmental Careers World <http://www.environmentalcareer.com>
- Career Guide: Nature and The Environment <http://www.saludos.com/cguide/nguide.html>
- Careers That Care http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/jobs/index.cfm
- Envirolink <http://www.envirolink.org/>
- Profiles of Environmental Careers <http://www.umanitoba.ca/student/counselling/spotlights/enviro.html>

Professional Associations

- National Environmental Health Association <http://www.neha.org>
- Universities Water Information Network <http://www.ucowr.siu.edu>
- Water Online <http://www.wateronline.com/>
- Environmental Protection Agency <http://www.epa.gov/>
- National Association of Environmental Professionals <http://www.naep.org/>
- Ecological Society of America <http://www.esa.org/>
- National Association of Local Government Environmental Professionals <http://www.nalgep.org/>
- Local Government Environmental Assistance Network <http://www.lgean.org/>
- American Water Works Association <http://www.awwa.org/>
- Society for Conservation Biology <http://conbio.net>