What can I do with my Major?

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

OVERVIEW OF MAJOR

The major leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources (CAHNR) or the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS). The student’s choice is made in consultation with faculty based upon the student’s interests and career goals.

The Environmental Studies major is an interdisciplinary program designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and perspectives needed to understand the interactions between human society and the environment. Understanding the ethical and cultural dimensions of our relationship with the environment, as well as the challenges of protecting it, requires insights from multiple perspectives, including the humanities, the social sciences, and the natural sciences. Core courses in the major ensure familiarity with basic principles from these three areas.

With this shared core of knowledge, majors will focus their studies in an area of special interest, choosing electives and related courses that allow greater specialization. Among the many possibilities are environmental sustainability, public policy and environmental justice, and the literary and philosophical legacy of human encounters with the non-human world.

NATURE OF WORK

A major in Environmental Studies can lead to a career in a variety of fields, including public policy, environmental education, eco-tourism, marketing or consulting, journalism, or advocacy.

SAMPLE JOB TITLES

Visit O*Net and conduct an Occupation Quick Search of each job title to learn more about that career path.

- Environmental Science and Protection Technicians
- Environmental Scientists and Specialists
- Environmental Science Teacher
- Forestry and Conservation Science Teacher
- Environmental Engineering Technician
- Soil and Plant Scientist
- Quality Control Analyst
- Water Resource Specialist
- Risk Management Specialist
- Industrial Safety and Health Engineers
- Agronomist
- Grassroots Coordinator
- Toxicologist
- Environmental Health and Safety Project Manager
- Industrial Environmental Manager
- Environmental Planner
- Hazardous Materials Specialist
- Industrial Hygienist

UCONN RESOURCES

- Department of Natural Resources and the Environment
- Department of Environmental Science
- Sigma Alpha
- Alpha Zeta

OTHER RESOURCES

- Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services
- Earth Science World