

Environmental studies is an interdisciplinary program that provides students with concepts and tools for understanding the complex relationships between human communities and both "natural" and built environments.

The program cultivates critical analysis of complex environmental challenges at the local and global levels, strengthens students' ability to communicate these effectively, and to act as informed citizens and professionals. This requires knowledge of ecological science and broad and deep understanding of human systems, all informed by careful reflection upon normative concerns and values.

Related Job Titles

The following list is not meant to be all inclusive; many other job alternatives and titles may exist. Many of the job titles listed require further education.

- Public Relations Specialist
- Non-Profit Administrator
- Environmental Consultant
- Environmental Educator
- Environmental Analyst
- Food Programs Coordinator
- Conservation Specialist
- Energy Policy Specialist
- Environmental Justice Advocate
- Environmental Specialist
- Journalist/Writer
- Sustainability Coordinator
- Public Policy Analyst
- Urban/Regional Planner
- Research Associate
- Community Organizer/Activist
- Environmental Program Director
- Market Researcher/Analyst
- Land Use Analyst
- Environmental Lawyer/Lobbyist
- Intelligence Officer
- Regulatory/Compliance Officer

Possible Employers

Private:

NGO's
Community Based Non-profits
Environmental Ed./Nature Centers
Farms/Ranches & Associations

Env. Research & Consulting Firms
Think Tanks and Policy Centers
Org. centered on Food Sovereignty
Lobbying Firms

Activists & Conservation Organizations
News and Media
Engineering Firms
Agricultural Companies & Researchers

Federal Agencies:

Peace Corps
Natural Resources
Conservation Service
Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
National Park Service

AmeriCorps
U.S. Department of Agriculture
U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Water Resources Council
Agricultural Research Service
Bureau of Reclamation

Teach for America
Bureau of Land Management
Consumer Protection Agency
Food & Drug Administration
Dept. of Health & Human Services
Dept. of Energy - National Labs

State, County & Local Agencies:

City/Regional Planning Departments
Environmental Health Departments
Economic Development Departments
Water Resource Boards/Departments
State Parks, Parks & Recreation Dept.

Environmental Education Programs
Resource Management Agencies
Agricultural Departments
Wastewater Treatment Facilities
Public Utilities

Conservation Departments
Air Resources Board
Transportation Departments
Industrial Regulatory Departments
Fish & Game

Students in Environmental Studies will focus on the following skills

- Analyze the interrelationships among social, political, geographic, economic, and cultural aspects of environmental issues and determine the effects of power and privilege on these relationships.
- Describe ecological systems.
- Apply knowledge of environmental systems to practical problems.
- Demonstrate a comparative understanding of social science and humanistic methods of inquiry and use these methods appropriately.
- Interpret and communicate complex ideas effectively.
- Engage in civic and public issues informed by normative and ethical inquiry.
- Demonstrate competence in a skill that complements environmental studies knowledge.

A 4-year College Degree is designed to give you the **Top Skills** employers are looking for, According to the **National Association of Colleges and Employers**, those skills and abilities are:

The Top Skills Employers are Looking for in College Graduates

- Effective Communication
- Working in a team structure
- Making decisions/solving problems
- Planning/organizing and prioritizing work
- Obtaining and processing information
- Analyzing qualitative & quantitative data
- Proficiency with computers and software
- Creating and editing written reports
- Selling and influencing others

Academic and Career Advising Center Services

Drop-In hours: Monday – Friday, 10 am – 1 pm : Quick academic and career advice and drop-in resume/cover letter review. Drop-ins are handy for the following types of services:

- Job Search Basics ▪ Basic DARS Review ▪ Quick Resume Review ▪ Declaring a Major/Major Change
- Adding a Minor ▪ Navigating HSU Handshake ▪ How to Use DARS Degree Planner ▪ Cover Letter Review

Academic and Career Advisors (Please call 707-826-3341 or visit Gist Hall 114 to make an appointment)

Our helpful team of academic and career advisors can help you get the most out of your college experience with the following and much more during an individual appointment:

- Academic Planning ▪ Full-time Job Search ▪ DARS Questions
 - 4- Year Plans ▪ Major Change Advising ▪ GE Information
 - Internship Search ▪ Federal Work Study ▪ Mock Interview
- Volunteer Opportunities ▪ Career Assessment ▪ Adding a Second Major
- Graduate School Application ▪ How to use DARS Degree Planner ▪ Withdrawal or Transfer Advice
 - Personal Statement

HSU Handshake (online job database and more!): Search for campus jobs, internships, summer jobs, community service, work-study, etc. Register for workshops and special events. Go to www.humboldt.edu/acac to register on HSU Handshake or call 707-826-3341 for assistance.

Events and Workshops (Contact us for more information!)

- Part-time Job Fair - *August*
- Graduate and Professional School Fair - *September*
- Internship Week - *February*
- Career & Volunteer Expo - *February*
- *Ready, Set, Register!* Semester Bulletin - *Fall/ Spring*
- Educator Fair - *March*
- How to Find Part-Time Jobs Workshop - *March*
- How to Find an Internship Workshop - *On-Going*
- Getting the Most out of Career Expo Workshop - *On-going*
- Research Graduate Schools Workshop - *February*
- Federal Resume & Application Open Labs - *Fall*
- How to Find Internships in Your Home Town Workshop - *Spring*

Looking for professional development opportunities for your on-campus club or organization?

- Request a Career Advisor to give a group presentation on subjects like resume development or job search.