

Environmental Studies

The philosophy of **Environmental Studies** is that the interaction of human societies and natural systems must be managed in a manner that insures the prosperous survival of both. It is our primary goal to help people develop the knowledge, skills and experiences to express that philosophy in many different roles in society.

Specifically, the goals *Environmental Studies* are:

To understand the nature, development and interactions of terrestrial and marine ecosystems, and human societies;

To learn the richness and the limits of the environmental and social resources available to sustain both human environments and natural systems;

To study the cultural values and philosophies that shape environmental behaviors, and

Through applied work, to develop the skills necessary to handle our resources wisely.

Environmental Studies requires students and faculty who are willing to study material from many disciplines drawn from the natural and social sciences, from the arts and from the humanities. Furthermore, it requires students and faculty who are willing to break down the boundaries between the disciplines in order to realize the integration necessary to achieve the goals stated above.



Sequence of Study

First Year

Any *Core Program*. Students may want to consider: "Exploration, Discovery and Change" or "What's Cookin'?: Food & Human Culture"

Second or Third Year

"Introduction to Marine Environments"
"Ecological Agriculture"
"Geography and Environment"
"Topics in Marine Studies"

Third or Fourth Year

"Making a Difference: Doing Social Change"
"Mammalogy"
"Environmental Ethics: Theory and Action"
"Landscapes and Biogeography"
"Ornithology"
"Riding the Hydrological Cycle"

Fourth Year

For their fourth year students may undertake an internship, complete a senior project or enroll in an elective program of their choice.

Faculty/Student Contact

Close faculty/student contact gives you the benefit of working under the direct guidance of faculty in your special field. You have the opportunity to see how scientists from different disciplines work together. Some advanced students have chosen to work with faculty members in research projects, gaining valuable insight and experience not frequently enjoyed at the undergraduate level. Research can be conducted in the lab, in the field and in the community. We particularly encourage you to get involved in local, regional or national projects, and to become familiar with the complexity of contemporary environmental issues.

Internships

Internships are utilized by many students, allowing them to apply what they have learned in settings such as a national park, a whale museum and various state agencies. Our Cooperative Education Office guides you in finding an appropriate placement and an Evergreen faculty member serves as sponsor.

Advising Services

Our Advising Services enable you to make intelligent decisions about your education at each step of the way, rather than follow standardized requirements. In other words, you are able to work with a faculty or staff advisor in designing a coherent path through our Core, intermediate and advanced offerings. In this way you can combine programs, projects and internships as you work toward your degree. If you have chosen a field of study, if you are undecided, or if you change your mind later, our advisors can assist you in making appropriate plans.

The Learning Environment

Evergreen challenges you to think independently and creatively. You will find that your teachers encourage you to develop your potential and your interests as a student by working productively with others rather than competing with them. Evergreen faculty provide written evaluations rather than grades to reflect your achievements.

The Evergreen State College
Olympia, Washington

Evergreen is a public, liberal arts college of 3000 students, offering Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Tuition is \$537 per quarter for Washington state residents and \$1883 per quarter for non-residents.

Life After Evergreen

Overall, Evergreen graduates enjoy unusual success. In our most recent placement survey, 90% of our graduates who responded reported they are employed, in graduate school or in other placements of their choice. **Environmental Studies** students have found jobs with national parks, hydroelectric projects, Washington State Department of Ecology and N.O.A.A.

For further information about Evergreen and for help in planning your **Environmental Studies**, please contact:

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