



## Minor in Environmental Studies

The environmental studies minor is an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary program that allows undergraduates in any degree program to study environmental concepts, issues, and problems from the viewpoints and with the approaches of the natural and social sciences.

### Requirements

- ENVS 301 Environmental Science 1: Physical Systems
- ENVS 302 Environmental Science 2: Biological Systems
- ENVS 303 Environment in the Social Sciences and Humanities
- ENVS 304 Environmental Law, Policy and Economics
- ENVS 305 Green Technologies

### Select one of the following humanities and social sciences courses

- ANTH 425 Environment and Anthropology
- ECON 386 Environmental Economics
- HIST 377 American Environmental History
- SOCI 364 Environmental Sociology
- PHIL 335 Environmental Ethics
- POLS 220 Introduction to Public Policy
- POLS 324 Environmental Law and Policy

### Select one of the following science, engineering, and technology courses

- BIOS 106 Environmental Biology
- BIOS 406 Conservation Biology
- GEOG 253 Environment and Society
- GEOG 303 Water Resources and the Environment
- GEOG 455 Land Use Planning
- GEOL 105 Environmental Geology
- GEOL 320 Environments Life Through Time
- MEE 101 Energy and the Environment
- TECH 245 Pollution, Pestilence, Prevention and the cost of doing business



## Northern Illinois University ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES



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# WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES?

Environmental Studies (ENVS) is a rigorous interdisciplinary undergraduate program that prepares students to address societal and scientific needs with a broad-based understanding of environmental issues.

Our Environmental Studies degree programs encompass the diversity of the field, including a focus on energy (particularly alternative energy for Illinois), foundational and applied environmental science, climate change, social sciences, the humanities, and environmental policy.

The program will produce citizens prepared to meet environmental and energy challenges via careers in industry, small business, federal, state and local governments, non-governmental organizations, and academic research.

Students who choose to pursue a degree in Environmental Studies learn the causes and relative significance of local, regional and global environmental problems, and explore cutting-edge approaches to remediation, mitigation and adaptation.

Our graduates will comprehend the complexity of factors relating to human interactions with the environment, and be prepared to address the challenges with workable and creative solutions to some of the most pressing issues we face.

## Faculty Associates

Mark Cordes	I College of Law
Omar Ghrayeb	I Industrial & Systems Engineering
David Goldblum	I Geography
Jason Hanna	I Philosophy
Richard King	I Biological Sciences
Melissa Lenczewski	I Geology and Environmental Geosciences
Cliff Mirman	I Engineering Technology
Eric Mogren	I History
Reed Scherer	I Geology and Environmental Geosciences
Brendon Swedlow	I Political Science
Kendall Thu	I Anthropology
Carl von Ende	I Biological Sciences

## An Open Invitation

If environmental studies at Northern Illinois University sounds interesting, and you would like some additional information, please contact us at (815) 753-6563 or email us at [ENVS@niu.edu](mailto:ENVS@niu.edu).

Please check us out on the Web: [www.niu.edu/envs/](http://www.niu.edu/envs/)

## Environmental Studies Program at NIU

### ENVS Emphases

- Biodiversity and Environmental Restoration
- Energy Studies
- Human Experience
- Environmental Policy
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Water

### New Course Offerings

- ENVS 301 Environmental Science 1: Physical Systems
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