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

Resources

Job Search
- Eco-Jobs
  www.ecojobs.com/
- EcoEmploy
  www.ecoemploy.com
- Idealist
  www.idealist.org
- Environmental Jobs
  www.environmentaljobs.com/
- Environmental Protection Agency
  www.epa.gov/careers/
- Association for Outdoor and Environmental Edu.
  www.aee.org/
- Backdoor Jobs—Environmental Education
  www.backdoorjobs.com/environment.html

Internships
- HSU Career Center’s Springboard
  www.humboldt.edu/career
- Cyber-Sierra’s Natural Resources Job Search
  www.cyber-sierra.com/nrjobs/
- Sustainable Business.com
  www.sustainablebusiness.com/index.cfm/go/greendreamjobs.main
- Student Conservation Association
  www.thesca.org/
- Frontier
  http://www.frontier-usa.org/
- Internship Series Online
  (user name=Humboldt; password=Hum201314)
  http://www.internships-usa.com/

Professional Organizations
- Association for Environmental Sciences and Studies
  www.aess.info
- Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Ed.
  www.aashe.org
- National Association of Environmental Professionals
  www.naep.org
- National Registry of Environmental Professionals
  www.nrep.org
- Environmental Assessment Association
  www.eaa-assoc.org
- National Recreation and Park Association
  www.nrpa.org
- Assoc. for Women in Science
  www.awis.org
- National Assoc. for Environmental Management
  www.naem.org

Graduate School
- Getting In: An Applicant's Guide to Graduate School Admissions
  http://www.gettingintogradschool.com/
- GradSchools.com
  www.gradschools.com
- US News & World Report
  http://grad-schools.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-graduate-schools
- Video: Getting into Highly Competitive Graduate School (Donald Asher)