

Environmental Studies

Environmental Studies offers one major and two minors. The Environmental Analysis major (<https://enst.wustl.edu/academic-requirements/>) creates a framework to integrate environmental courses and places a strong emphasis on critical thinking and general analytical and problem-solving skills. We offer an explicit focus on the application of those skills to analyze and design solutions to contemporary environmental challenges. The curriculum for this major is integrated and interdisciplinary, drawing from many disciplines across Arts & Sciences and the university as a whole. Thus, the major captures the strengths of the traditional academic departments and incorporates the interdisciplinary innovation necessary to fully explore the multiple issues and questions posed by the study of the environment. Our curriculum is sequenced and scaffolded so that students encounter concepts at increasing levels of depth, analysis, and real-world application. We offer opportunities for students with different disciplinary interests to repeatedly encounter one another and to engage in reflection with peers throughout their programs, especially during our fourth-year reflection seminar.

The Interdisciplinary Environmental Analysis minor (<https://enst.wustl.edu/academic-requirements/#anchor-group-9814>) prepares students to tackle real-world environmental challenges by providing more robust opportunities for interdisciplinary knowledge and skill development. In particular, the minor is structured to provide students with opportunities to strengthen their critical analysis and problem-solving skills through participation in team-based learning experiences and, where possible, by engaging in real-world issues.

The Environmental Studies minor (<https://enst.wustl.edu/academic-requirements/#anchor-group-9799>) includes core course work in biology, Earth science, and political science. Students may choose upper-level elective courses in a variety of natural and social science disciplines. Please visit the Environmental Studies website (<http://enst.wustl.edu/>) for more information.

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