Our Program

Do you love the natural world but also love thinking about culture, people, politics, history, literature, art, activism, media, and economics? Do you want to save the planet and also make the world a more equitable place for all its inhabitants? Do you want to develop a wide range of skills to address the world’s most pressing environmental and social dilemmas? Consider an interdisciplinary Environmental Studies degree at HSU.

Environmental studies provides students with tools for understanding the complex relationships between human communities and both “natural” and built environments. The program cultivates critical analysis of environmental problems using tools from a variety of disciplines, helps students discern among environmental ideas and messages, as well as communicate them effectively, and enables them 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 ethical concerns and societal values.

Our students:

- study the social side of people & environment
- learn how cultural & political systems work
- integrate scientific knowledge to gain holistic understanding of how environmental problems emerge and are addressed in various contexts
- promote just sustainability across broader society
- integrate extracurricular activism, leadership, and organizing into curriculum
- apply knowledge in service- or leadership-based capstone projects
- collaborate with faculty on research
- lead workshops on and off campus on the intersections of social justice and environmental problems
- bring their skills to a wide range of employers

Check out our website for student FAQs, faculty & advisers, resources, links to careers and jobsites, and more!

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Environmental Consultant
Environmental Educator
Environmental Justice Advocate
Environmental Lawyer
Environmental Lobbyist
Environmental Specialist
Journalist/Writer
Land Use Analyst
Non-Profit Administrator
Public Policy Analyst
Urban/Regional Planner

Some of the careers listed may require additional or specialized coursework.

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