ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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There are many pathways to study the environment at UVM. The College of Arts and Sciences collaborates with the Rubenstien School of Environment and Natural Resources and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to offer an interdisciplinary major in Environmental Studies.

CAS ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES MAJOR

The Environmental Studies Program at University of Vermont was established in 1972 to understand the ecological and cultural systems that support life on Earth. The Environmental Program established the Environmental Studies major, one of the first in the nation, which drew on faculty expertise and courses from many different disciplines. Currently, the College of Arts and Sciences continues the tradition and offers an Environmental Studies major which draws on the sciences, social sciences, and humanities to create an interdisciplinary community for learning, one that addresses local and global issues with equal concern. The program emphasizes collaborative problem-solving and the power of human imagination to create a sustainable future.

MAJORS

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Environmental Studies B.A.

MINORS

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Environmental Studies

Courses

ENVS 1010. Topics In: First-Year Seminar. 3 Credits.

Intensive first-year seminar focused on specific themes and/or disciplinary perspectives. Emphasis on developing critical reading and writing skills, substantive revision, information literacy, and analytical thinking. First-year seminars are frequently organized to meet one of the disciplinary Catamount Core requirements. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Catamount Core: WIL1.

ENVS 1020. Topics In: LASP Seminar. 3 Credits.

Intensive course in a broad disciplinary area (humanities, social sciences, arts, or natural sciences). Part of an integrated first-year experience in which students take 2-4 classes exploring aesthetic, humanistic, social, linguistic, environmental, or scientific issues. May repeat for credit with different content. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Co-requisite: Enrollment in the appropriate Liberal Arts Scholars Program. Catamount Core: WIL1.

ENVS 1500. Intro to Environmental Studies. 0 or 4 Credits.

Survey of environmental studies examining ecological, socioeconomic, aesthetic, and technological influences determining quality of life on earth. Prerequisite: First-year/Sophomore standing. Catamount Core: SU.

ENVS 1510. Solutions in Enviro Studies. 0 or 4 Credits.

Analysis and critique of grand challenges in environmental studies with an emphasis on understanding and solving pervasive global and local environmental problems such as global climate change. Catamount Core: D2, SU.

ENVS 1990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

Introductory courses of current areas of interest which vary each semester. Topics have included environmental health, energy, regional planning, international studies, literature, ethics, and natural area management.

ENVS 2980. Environmental Field Studies. 3 Credits.

Travel study courses examining environmental issues from a local ecological, political, and socioeconomic perspective using experiential learning methods in diverse sites. Prerequisite: One of the following: ENVS 1500, ENVS 1510, NR 1010, NR 1020, ENSC 1010.

ENVS 2990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

Intermediate courses of current areas of interest which vary each semester. Topics have included environmental health, energy, regional planning, international studies, literature, ethics, and natural area management. Prerequisite: One of the following: ENVS 1500, ENVS 1510, NR 1010, NR 1020, ENSC 1010.

ENVS 2991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.

On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisite: Permission of course coordinator.

ENVS 2995. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.

Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

ENVS 3990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

Advanced courses of current areas of interest which may vary each semester. Topics have included environmental health, energy, regional planning, international studies, literature, ethics, and natural area management. Prerequisite: Junior standing.

ENVS 3991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.

On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisite: ENVS 1510; Junior standing.
ENVS 3993. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

ENVS 3995. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

ENVS 4500. Senior Capstone. 1-9 Credits.
Senior capstone thesis, project, creative arts project, or internship under faculty direction. Prerequisites: Environmental Studies major; minimum Junior standing.

ENVS 4990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Advanced courses of current areas of interest which may vary each semester. Topics have included environmental health, energy, regional planning, international studies, literature, ethics, and natural area management. Prerequisite: Junior standing.

ENVS 4994. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisite: Instructor permission. Variable credit. May be repeated.

ENVS 4996. Honors. 1-6 Credits.
College honors thesis or other department/program honors, under the supervision of a faculty member. Offered at department discretion.