

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

 master of arts

GRADUATE PROGRAM

Never in history has an understanding of the natural world and our impact on it been so critical. Society looks to environmental professionals to lead the way in protecting environmental quality and developing better solutions for the management and restoration of resources. Our graduates are prepared to assume leadership positions in environmental planning and policy-making or natural resources and sustainable development.

Concentrations.

You will concentrate in one of three areas:

- 1) Sustainable Development and Policy;
- 2) Environmental Planning and Management; or
- 3) Environmental Humanities.

What can I do with this degree?

Our graduates work as environmental policy analysts, resource management specialists, land use and urban planners, environmental protection specialists, environmental health professionals, GIS specialists, to name a few options. Recent employers include:

Illinois EPA

The Nature Conservancy

Illinois Department of Transportation

Tri County Planning Commission

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Illinois State Museum

Utah Rivers Council

Emerging technology.

Our new Center for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) will show you how to utilize the latest technology in environmental analysis.



Interdisciplinary Focus.

Faculty from diverse backgrounds are committed to providing integration of disciplinary knowledge from the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities. Our students are equally equipped to address the biophysical components and the human dimensions of the environment as dominant forces in environmental processes and change.



Capital gain.

There is no substitute for being in the heart of state government. Through UIS, you'll have extraordinary opportunities for internships with Illinois' environmental giants including the Illinois EPA and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.



The curriculum for the Master of Arts in Environmental Studies is designed to allow students to gain an understanding of ways to balance social and economic needs with environmental realities, to learn how to use resources imaginatively for sustainable development, and to become aware of the role of values in issue formulation and policy making.

Environmental Studies – Three Areas of Concentration

Sustainable Development and Policy
Environmental Planning and Management
Environmental Humanities

Objectives

- develop basic literacy in the natural and social sciences and the humanities as they contribute to an understanding of environmental affairs;
- critically analyze environmental problems;
- identify, research and evaluate environmental problems.

Degree requirements 44 Hrs.

Pre-requisite of 300 level Ecology course with a “B” or better grade

Required Core Courses 12 Hrs.

ENS 551 Environmental Natural Sciences	4 Hrs.
ENS 552 Environmental Social Sciences and the Humanities	4 Hrs.
ENS 553 Research Methods in Environmental Studies	4 Hrs.

Concentration Core Requirements

Sustainable Development and Policy
ENS 571 Sustainable Development
ENS 581 Environmental Policy and Analysis
ENS 587 Natural Resources: Policy and Administration

Environmental Planning and Management

ENS 404 Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems
ENS 501 Land Use and Environmental Planning
ENS 581 Environmental Policy and Analysis

Environmental Humanities

ENS 476 Environmental Ethics
ENS 545 Comparative Cultural Ecology

Required Closure Course

Thesis or Project 4 Hrs.

Scholarships Available

Each year, two scholarships are awarded to graduate students in the Environmental Studies and Sciences programs: 1) a \$750 Environmental Studies Alumni Award Scholarship; and 2) the Luther Skelton Endowment Scholarship, which helps defray expenses for graduate student research.

Study Abroad Opportunity

The Environmental Studies/Sciences programs have an agreement for course credit transfer with Charles Darwin University in Australia. Students explore tropical environmental management and sustainability. Offered every summer. Global Experience Scholarships (\$1000) are available to help students defray costs.

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