

Environmental Studies

The Environmental studies curriculum is an interdisciplinary program that emphasizes the relationship between humans and the environment. It allows students to study and address the quality of the Earth's environment and the sustainable use of its natural resources. The program focuses on justice, global awareness, and service to the larger community while respecting the concept of nature as sacred and Guilford's Quaker heritage. The Guilford environmental studies program is a combination of many disciplines, including the humanities, social sciences, business and policy studies, arts, and natural sciences.

The Environmental Studies major is designed to broaden and enhance the student's primary disciplinary major through an interdisciplinary approach. Students may choose nearly any disciplinary major to combine with Environmental Studies, including (but not limited to) options such as a natural science (Biology, Geology, Chemistry), Political Science, History, English, Philosophy, Math, Psychology, Economics, etc. Students have the freedom to craft an Environmental Studies curriculum that will enhance their strengths, as well as broaden their knowledge of the other academic fields that are needed to address complex environmental issues.

Why Guilford College?

Consistently rated nationally by *The Princeton Review* as well as being one of the 40 colleges in *Colleges that Change Lives* by Loren Pope, Guilford College inspires each student to achieve excellence through an engaging community, rooted in Quaker values, which nurtures creativity and social responsibility.

What can a Guilford education offer you?

- An urban setting near other colleges & universities with an area student population of over 27,000 students
- A consortium agreement with University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro College, Bennett College, North Carolina A&T State University, Elon University and High Point University provides students with access to courses free of charge
- A college mission statement & core values based on, and consistent with, Quaker testimonies. Guilford's core values are: Community, Diversity, Equality, Excellence, Integrity, Justice & Stewardship.
- A challenging academic program which emphasizes not only academic tracks and the learning process, but also the interconnection between curricular and co-curricular pursuits
- A diverse student population providing a stimulating peer environment
- Excellent study abroad programs in China, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Scotland, Spain, and Wales

The academic program in Environmental Studies

The Bachelor of Arts degree is offered in Environmental Studies.
A minor is offered in Environmental Studies.

Internship Opportunities

Students may elect to complete an internship under the supervision of a faculty member in this department and receive credit for the experience. Such internships give majors the "hands-on" experience which is so necessary in this field. Among locations where Environmental Studies majors have completed internships are the following:

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Piedmont Land Conservancy
- Student Conservation Association
- National Park Service
- Winston-Salem Dept. of Planning

Required courses for the Environmental Studies major

Environmental studies is required to be a double major, meaning that students must have a disciplinary academic major in addition to environmental studies. To satisfy the environmental studies major, students must take at least eight courses (32 credit hours) according to the following requirements:

Introduction — All students must take Environmental Studies 101: Introduction to Environmental Studies, an interdisciplinary course which combines aspects of natural sciences, social sciences, policy, and humanities as they relate to Environmental Studies. This course will also satisfy the social justice/environmental responsibility core requirement.

Required Courses — Students must take PSCI 319, Modern Environmental Problems, and the IDS 472 capstone course Environmental Planning.

Breadth courses— Students must select three science courses, one from each category (Level I, II, and III), and at least one elective from the non-science support courses. One additional elective is also required, and students are free to choose from any of the approved courses. A list of approved breadth courses are available from the Environmental Studies webpage.

Where do graduates go?

Students graduating from the Environmental Studies program have many options. Recent graduates have been accepted into the University of Oregon's Environmental and Natural Resources Law (ENR) Program, and another graduate is pursuing a graduate degree in Environmental Policy and Administration at Syracuse University. Another alumnus is working with students and doing research in Australia with the School for Field Studies. Other recent graduates are employed in the environmental consulting field, and others are actively engaged in land conservation and preservation. Guilford also offers a cooperative program with Duke University leading to graduate study in natural resources and the environment. The program accepts students after three years of undergraduate study or upon completion of the baccalaureate degree. At Duke's Nicholas School of the Environment, students can pursue a professional master's degree in environmental management or forestry or a doctoral degree in coastal systems science and policy, earth and ocean sciences or environmental sciences and policy.

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