



Major Planning Guide: Environmental Studies or Science

What can I do with a degree in environmental studies or science?

Students planning to major in environmental studies or environmental science may go on to pursue a wide range of careers. Students may work for governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, or corporations on environmental policy, or collecting data, or monitoring compliance with environmental regulations. Students who major in environmental science or studies may work outdoors monitoring water quality, tracking endangered species, or introducing children to the natural environment.

Related Majors/Programs

Atmospheric Sciences
Aquatic and Fishery Sciences
Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation
Wildlife Biology
Geology
Oceanography
Environmental Engineering
Zoology

Where can I earn a bachelor's degree in environmental studies or science in Washington?

Many universities offer environmental studies or science as an undergraduate major. You can use the College Navigator search engine found at <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator> to find environmental studies or science programs in Washington state or around the country.

How do I prepare to major in environmental studies or science ?

Here are a few steps that we recommend you take to make sure that environmental studies or science is the right choice for you. There are many different types of careers in environmental studies or science, and it is important to do some research ahead of time to find the one that best fits your goals. An advisor can help you choose the transfer degree, and what courses you should take while you are here at Seattle Central.

Step One: Research

- Those who are undecided about a major/career can make an appointment with our Career Exploration Center in BE 1102E to take a career assessment test. This assessment can reveal your interests, values, and skills which then match you up with potential careers and programs that prepare you for specific career paths.
- Most universities offer at least one major that focuses on the environment, but the concentrations they offer vary. If you are more interested in policy than science, for instance, make sure your intended transfer university offers that focus.
- Our Transfer Center in BE 1102F can help find universities you are interested in attending and guide you through the application process.

Step Two: Pick a Degree

Students planning to major in environmental studies or science often earn the Associates of Art (AA-DTA) or Associate of Science - Option #1 (AS-T Option #1) degree. Advisors can help students understand what requirements are necessary for transfer. You may pick up a degree planning worksheet for the AA-DTA ([purple sheet](#)) or AS-T Option #1 ([blue sheet](#)) in BE 1102 lobby.

Step Three: Make a Long Range Academic Plan

Students planning to major in environmental studies or science at a university usually take courses in biology, chemistry, geology, physics, calculus, statistics, and/or possibly social science or humanities classes, to prepare to transfer.

English	Science	Math	Other Courses
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL& 101	<input type="checkbox"/> CHEM& 121; CHEM& 122 (OR)	<input type="checkbox"/> Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/> ECON& 201
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL& 102 or CMST	<input type="checkbox"/> CHEM& 161; CHEM& 162	<input type="checkbox"/> Precalculus	<input type="checkbox"/> ECON& 202
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL& 211		<input type="checkbox"/> ENVS 160
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL& 212		<input type="checkbox"/> ENVS 170
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL& 213		<input type="checkbox"/> CMST& 220

Please note: this is not a complete list of prerequisites. You should consult with an advisor at Seattle Central to make sure you take the appropriate courses to be prepared to enter the major.

*Check prerequisites, admission requirements, and GPA requirements at your intended transfer university early so you can be well-prepared to transfer.

What are my next steps?

- Once you have had the chance to explore the career opportunities in environmental studies or science you might want to schedule an appointment to meet with an advisor to plan out your course of study. You can make an appointment by stopping by the Advising office in BE 1102D or calling us at 206-934-4068. (*If you are an international student, please stop by International Education Programs in BE 1113*).
- Attend Transfer Fairs and Career & Networking Fairs hosted by our office throughout the year.
- Explore the professional organizations in your area of interest for more information about education and career options.

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