New for Fall 2015
Environmental Studies Program

Mission Statement
The Rhode Island College Environmental Studies Program takes an interdisciplinary approach, focusing on how humans interact with their environment and the essential and reciprocal relationship between humans and the natural world while exploring how to move towards a more sustainable future for human and natural systems. Drawing on courses offered in the Biology, Mathematics and the Physical Sciences students learn scientific principles that enable us to make accurate observations, document change, and to understand the dynamics of Earth system processes. In courses drawn from the Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts students learn about human behavior, cultural variation, and the function of our social, political, and economic institutions as they relate to the natural world.

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Jobs
- Non-profit agencies
- Sustainability
- Natural Resource Management
- Environmental education/interpretation
- Environmental analyst/consultant
- International environmental relations
- Environmental/Social Policy and associated research
- Parks and Outdoor Recreation (ecotourism, environmental enforcement)
- Environmental journalism
- Agriculture and Urban Agriculture

Transferable skills:
- professional writing
- prepare or edit publications
- understand and maintain relationships between stakeholders
- interpret impact statements
- communicate issues to inform the public
- ability to research political, and cultural characteristics of a region and/or issue
- review market and social issues related to environment and sustainability
- mapping software
- use of databases
- knowledge of environmental history and policy
- maintain cooperative relationships
- develop schedules and budgets, etc.

Learning Outcomes
Students completing the degree in Environmental Studies at Rhode Island College will be able to:
- demonstrate an understanding of fundamental physical and biological principles that govern natural processes.
- demonstrate an understanding of fundamental concepts from the social sciences and the humanities underlying environmental thought and governance.
- integrate and apply perspectives from across the natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities in the context of complex environmental problems.
- communicate integrated perspectives on complex environmental problems in the form of written and oral argument to both professional and lay audiences.
- develop experiential skills that contribute to environmental thought and/or problem solving.
MAJOR

1. Foundational courses
   A. Introduction to Environmental Studies
      ENST 200: Environmental Studies
   
   B. Statistics
      MATH 240: Statistical Methods I
   
   C. Professional Writing (1 course)
      ENGL 231: Digital Media & Multimedia Env
      ENGL 232: Writing for the Public Sphere
   
   D. The Natural Environment (3 courses)
      BIO 100: Fund Concepts of Biology
      CHEM 105: Gen, Organic, & Biochem I
      PSCI 212: Introduction to Geology
      OR
      PSCI 217: Introduction to Oceanography
   
   E. The Cultural Environment (2 courses) 1 each
      1. ANTH 101: Intro to Cultural Anthropology
      ANTH 102: Intro to Archaeology
      SOC 200: Society and Social Behavior
      2. HIST 328: History of the American West
         HIST 358: Environmental History
   
   F. The Human-Environment Interface (4 courses) 1 each
      Select one from each section
      1. POL 202: American Government
         POL 203: Global Politics
      2. PHIL 325: Environmental Ethics
      3. ECON 214: Microeconomics
         GEOG 301: Natural Resource Management
      4. ANTH 214: Amazonia
         COMM 240: Mass Media and Society
         GEOG 100: Intro to Environ Geography
         GEOG 201: Map Our Changing World
         SOC 204: Urban Sociology
         SUST 200: Introduction to Sustainability
      
   2. Depth Courses (12-16 credits)
      Select four, no more than 2 courses from any single department/program
      ANTH 307: Human Evol, Ecol, and Beh
      ANTH 325: South American Indians
      ANTH 334: Technol, Culture and Society
      ANTH 338: Urban Anthropology
      ENG 315: Literature, Env & Ecocriticism
      GEOG 202: GIS I
      GEOG 206: Disaster Management
      GEOG 301: Natural Resource Management
      GEOG 307: Coastal Geography
      GEOG 338: People, Houses, Neighborhoods
      HIST 357: Public History
      INGO 300/POL 345: INGO Studies
      INGO 301: Applied Developmental Studies
      PHIL 320: Philosophy of Science
      POL 300: Methods in Political Science
      POL 301: Foundations of Public Admin
      POL 341: Politics of Developing Nations
      POL 342: Politics of Global Econ Change
      POL 355: Policy Formation Process
      PSCI 340: Field Methods in Geology
      SOC 302: Social Research Methods
      XXX 350: Topics from departments
      *GEOG 301 may not be taken for both Foundational and Depth credit

   3. Capstone
      CHOOSE ONE from
      ENST 461: Environmental Studies Seminar
      ENST 462 Internship in Env Science
      POL 327: Internship in State Government
      POL 328 Field Exp in the Public Sector
      INGO 303 & 304 Internship in INGO
      GEOG 463 Internship in Geography
      ANTH 482: Anth Field Course: Arch
      ANTH 483: Anth Field Course: Bio Anth

MINOR

ENST 200: Environmental Studies

The Natural Environment (1 course)
   BIO 100: Fund Concepts of Biology
   CHEM 105: Gen, Organic, & Biochem I
   PSCI 212: Introduction to Geology
   PSCI 217: Introduction to Oceanography

The Human Environment (1 course that cannot count towards your major)
   ANTH 101: Intro to Cultural Anthropology
   ANTH 102: Intro to Archaeology
   ANTH 214: Amazonia
   COMM 240: Mass Media and Society
   ECON 214: Microeconomics
   GEOG 100: Intro to Environ Geography
   GEOG 201: Map Our Changing World
   GEOG 301: Natural Resource Management
   HIST 328: History of the American West
   HIST 358: Environmental History
   PHIL 325: Environmental Ethics
   POL 202: American Government
   POL 203: Global Politics
   SOC 200: Society and Social Behavior
   SOC 202: Urban Sociology
   SUST 200: Introduction to Sustainability

2. Depth Courses (2 courses)
   Any 2 depth courses listed in the major