



## **Environmental Studies**

Many of the greatest challenges currently facing human society concern the strained relation between a resources-intensive global civilization and the ecological systems of the world on which it relies. Environmental Studies is an interdisciplinary field that has emerged in response to these challenges, bringing together natural science, social science, the humanities, and the professions to understand and solve complex environmental problems and conceptualize the workings of communities that are truly environmentally sustainable.

The Environmental Studies Department offers students formal academic programs through which they can engage with environmental issues effectively by integrating skills and knowledge from many different disciplines. The major in Environmental Studies consists of a core sequence of required interdisciplinary courses coupled with a concentration, allowing each student to pursue the aspect of environmental studies of most interest to her.

Students from Holy Cross will be positioned to complete the Spirituality, Justice & Ethics concentration, the Global Environmental Policy concentration or the Nature, Culture & Arts Concentration.

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**Basic outline of courses for:**

- **Global Environmental Policy Concentration**
- **Spirituality, Justice & Ethics Concentration**
- **Nature, Culture & Arts Concentration**

Students will need to take 7 ENVS courses plus the named courses below (in areas of: STEM, Arts & Humanities, Society & Environment, and concentration specific courses). More details about the courses students can select from can be found in the SMC bulletin. In some cases, these courses will overlap with Sophia requirements as well.

Students pursuing the Global Policy Concentration who have completed ECON 201 at Holy Cross will have already completed the ECON 252 requirement of this concentration; therefore, they will only need 6 ENVS courses plus the named courses below. (if students have not completed ECON 201 they can complete Microeconomics at SMC).

Fall Junior year

- Introduction to Environmental Studies ENVS 161 (3cr)\*
- Environmental Policy ENVS 217 (3cr)
- Current Issues in Environmental Studies (1cr)
  
- Sophia Language (4 cr)
- plus one course (3 cr) (e.g., Sophia or ENVS electives)

Spring Junior year

- Women's Leadership COMM 418 (3 cr)
- Interdisciplinary Environmental Research ENVS 386 (3 cr)
  
- Sophia Language (4cr)
- plus two courses (6 cr) (e.g., Sophia or ENVS electives)

Fall Senior year

- Comprehensive Project Seminar ENVS 495 (3 cr)
- Plus 4 courses (e.g., Sophia or ENVS electives) (12 cr)

Spring senior year

- 5 courses (e.g., Sophia or ENVS electives) (15 cr)

\*Holy Cross students are encouraged to take ENVS 161 prior to transfer to SMC; however, students can still complete the major requirements in a 4 semester sequence.