

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (ENVS)

B.A., B.S. Environmental Studies, B.A. Global Studies

Minors: Environmental Studies, Environmental Impact Assessment, Environmental Restoration, Sustainable Energy, Sustainable Water Resources, Recreation and Nature, Environmental Justice, Global Studies

Preparing the Next Generation of Environmental and Global Leaders



HIGHLIGHTS

Environmental Studies was established in 1970 as one of the first interdisciplinary departments in the United States focused on understanding and solving environmental problems using natural science and social science perspectives. Our degree programs offer a rigorous, systematic, and integrated approach to the study, management, and solution of environmental challenges.

The Global Studies program, housed within Environmental Studies, was established in 2012 to address the growing need to better understand sustainability, development, security, and cultural phenomena from an interdisciplinary perspective. Global Studies students develop an understanding of the ecological, political, economic, technological, and cultural forces that shape our world today.

WHY ENVS AT SJSU?

The Department provides students with a balance of natural science- and social science-focused courses that helps them understand and find solutions to society's most pressing issues--from rising sea levels to affordable clean energy for all. We prepare students for rewarding careers in the vital green economy, vital green economy, government, and tech. Our curriculum includes many hands-on courses ranging from environmental restoration to forest ecology; prominent alumni include Amie Frisch, co-founder of the urban farm Veggielution, Teresa Alvarado, Vice President of PG&E, and Megan Fluke, Executive Director of Green Foothills.



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WHAT WE OFFER

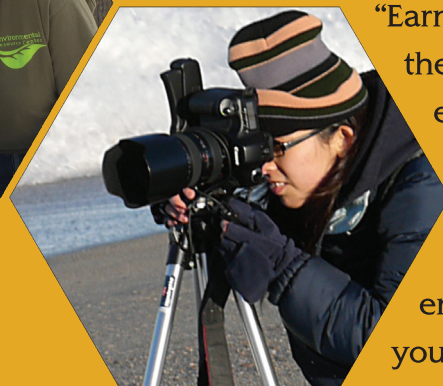
Students receive one-on-one undergraduate and graduate advising, small upper division and graduate class sizes, and access to faculty who are regional and national experts in the fields of climate change adaptation and mitigation, energy, restoration, sustainable agriculture, water, wildfire management. Students also gain experience as peer-to-peer environmental campus educators through the Environmental Resource Center and intern at the Center for the Development of Recycling.

Students majoring in Global Studies enjoy choosing from a wide range of courses offered by over 12 different academic departments and the opportunity to study abroad in places such as Japan, Australia, Guatemala, France, and Estonia.



“The Environmental studies department does a great job preparing alumni with real world experience in local environmental issues. Both my B.S and M.S from the department prepared me for a successful career with the City of San José Environmental Services Department where I use the skills I learned in school on a daily basis.”

-- Nick Ajluni
Administrative Officer, City of San Jose
Environmental Services ('12, BS, '17 MS)



“Earning my degree in the program with an emphasis on teaching was one of the most impactful experiences of my life. If you choose to earn this degree, you will find

that what you learn permeates all aspects of your life and can be applied to so many different careers. Choosing to save the earth and teaching others to save the earth is vital now, more than ever. This is the time to feel empowered and to empower others. The Environmental Studies degree will set you on that path.”

-- Teri Rogoway
Coordinator of Educational Programs at Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority ('06, BA)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

ENVS grads go on to successful environmentally-focused careers in public administration, teaching, and the private sector. 60-88% of grads obtain jobs in the field and 90-95% are in environmental or other skilled career paths such as tech, education, or healthcare. The career paths of recent department graduate include positions at the City of San Jose, CalTrans, and Valley Water. Global Studies graduates have gone on to attend law school, join the Peace Corps, found their own companies, and become medical doctors!

Curious to learn more? Contact us!

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