



Green Is the New Blue – Environmental Majors

Marist College

The mission of the Department of Environmental Science and Policy is to educate students to become the professionals who understand and solve environmental problems and, more broadly, to create a student body with a high level of environmental consciousness. The demands upon Earth's natural resources and life-support systems increase each year as human population and consumption levels increase.

The Department is an interactive community of faculty and students who are committed to better understanding the environment and the problems confronting it, as well as to finding solutions to correct them. Students are actively engaged by faculty with diverse expertise in natural and social sciences related to the study of the environment. We offer a stimulating and relevant curriculum that incorporates classroom, laboratory, field, research, internship, and seminar experiences. Through this curriculum, we educate for a fundamental understanding of the structure and function of natural, economic, and political systems as they relate to the environment. Students come to appreciate the details, complexity, and interrelatedness of systems and problems. We also examine the effects of society's activities upon environmental resources and their relevance to human well-being.

Environmental Science Majors

Environmental Science – Science Emphasis (B.S.)

Students enrolled in the Environmental Science and Policy Science Concentration can expect a rigorous and stimulating curriculum ideally suited for students interested in further graduate study in the sciences. Our program provides the academic preparation for in-depth understanding of environmental considerations pertaining to the effects of human activity on the dynamics and interrelationships of complex ecosystems, physical earth systems, and the health and well-being of humans and other organisms. Whether a student's personal career interest lies in field-work, conducting laboratory research, being actively involved in environmental concerns, or continuing his/her education with graduate studies, our program's coursework, combined with internships or faculty-mentored scholarly undergraduate research, provides the diversity necessary to thoroughly prepare our students to pursue their desired goals.

Environmental Science – Policy Emphasis (B.S.) The Environmental Science and Policy's Policy Concentration is designed for students interested in a policy-oriented approach to environmental problems, but who wish to be well-versed in the science behind the policies. This concentration requires an in-depth exploration of an additional area of interest such as: economics, environmental law, social science, politics, or resource management, to name a few. Career preparation is enhanced through the requirement of completing either a professional internship or scholarly research mentored by a faculty member.

Environmental Science Minors

The interdisciplinary nature of our curriculum is also well-suited to accommodate dual majors and minors, and is particularly beneficial to students interested in: biology, zoology, ecology, geology, hydrology, climatology, botany, social sciences, health sciences, liberal arts, business, international affairs, and many other areas of studies.

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