

Environmental Studies and Sustainability



Become an advocate for environmental sustainability.

Why Study at Rivier?

Rivier's Environmental Studies and Sustainability program offers students a comprehensive, interdisciplinary education that prepares them to tackle pressing environmental challenges. The program integrates knowledge from the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities, equipping students with the critical thinking skills necessary to address issues such as climate change, environmental degradation, and sustainable development. As environmental concerns continue to grow, so does the demand for professionals who can balance economic growth with sustainability.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects rapid growth in green jobs through 2030, yet many of these positions remain unfilled due to a shortage of qualified candidates. Rivier's Environmental Studies and Sustainability major fills this gap by preparing students for impactful careers in policy, education, and advocacy—fields that are increasingly vital in shaping a sustainable future. Rooted in the University's mission and social teaching, the program emphasizes stewardship of the environment as an essential moral responsibility. By integrating scientific principles with ethical, social, and policy perspectives, this program prepares graduates to become thoughtful leaders and advocates for environmental responsibility in a variety of career paths.

Gain Real-World Experience

You will gain valuable, resume-building experience in an internship that matches your career interests and goals. Opportunities to study abroad and to participate in faculty-led teaching trips will supplement your classroom learning.

Begin Your Career

Environmental Studies and Sustainability graduates pursue careers as:

- Environmental Consultant/Policy Analyst
- Sustainability Coordinator
- Corporate Social Responsibility Officer
- Energy Auditor
- Natural Resource Officer



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of educational
excellence



100%
of students receive
financial aid



95%
of students complete
internships, field
experiences, or service
learning programs



Journeys of Transformation

Rivier University's core curriculum, titled *Journeys of Transformation*, aligns with the American Association of College & Universities essential learning outcomes. Coursework focuses on developing strong intellectual and practical skills for workforce success, and offers opportunities for service learning, servant leadership, and civic engagement to enhance leadership abilities.

Major Requirements

BIOL 120	Field Experience in Biology
BIOL 355	Environmental Sustainability
BUSS 338	Environmental Economics
HIST 216	Environmental History and Environmentalism
INDS 101	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies
INDS 495	Internship
MATH 110	Introductory Statistics
PHIL 210	Environmental Ethics
POLS 338	Environmental Policy

MAJOR ELECTIVES

Choose one of the following:

BUSS 391	Sustainable Value
ENGL 356	Romantics and Transcendentalists
POLS 294	International Relations and Politics

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Employment Promise Program

Rivier's *Employment Promise Program* enhances the career preparation and employability of students in all academic disciplines. The program includes mentorship through Rivier's Career Development Center and features a tailored four-year academic and professional development plan, integrating experiences that have been shown to enhance overall employability and improve job search success.

Confidence in the quality of a Rivier education enables the University to ensure invested students will secure employment within nine months of graduation. If not, the University will provide the student additional financial or educational support. Get more information at rivier.edu/EPP.



You're Invited

Attend an on-campus event, or schedule an individual campus tour for you and your family. You can access a complete listing of events and register online at events.rivier.edu or call us at (603) 897-8507.

Academic Accreditation

Rivier University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).



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