ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Who speaks for Earth and addresses the world’s big environmental challenges? With a degree in environmental studies at Fordham, you can.

You’ll tackle the most pressing issues of our times: Climate change. Habitat loss. Mass species extinction. Natural capital degradation. Environmental health. Environmental justice. Building sustainable societies.

Study both science and the humanities with a focus on policy solutions
You’ll complete interdisciplinary coursework in the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities to gain insight into the physical and societal causes and effects of environmental problems, integrating these disciplines in economic, political, and societal policy solutions.

Choose your major concentration and career track
Major concentrations and tracks, such as conservation biology, pre-health, environmental law, sustainable business, sustainable architecture and urban planning, environmental journalism, and sustainable agriculture, are developed through course electives, internships, study abroad, senior thesis research, and our Alumni Career Advisory Board, allowing you to graduate with a clear academic profile and strong professional resume.

Access world-class Fordham and NYC resources facilities
Resources and facilities include the following:

- Fordham’s Louis Calder Center Biological Field Station
- St. Rose’s Garden (campus urban agriculture garden)
- The Campus Sustainability Program
- University partnerships with the New York Botanical Garden, the Wildlife Conservation Society/Bronx Zoo, and the Bronx River Alliance (Department of Parks)
- Read more about resources and facilities here.

Study around the globe
Study abroad courses and fieldwork can take you to Denmark, South Vietnam, Australia, Africa, and elsewhere, giving you invaluable international experience. They can also count toward the environmental studies major or minor (up to four courses).

Practice in professional internships what you’re studying in courses
You’ll start practicing what you’re studying now by taking advantage of internship opportunities in New York City, abroad, and in our special Bronx River Stewardship and Internship Program, incorporating professional experience into your coursework, employment resume, and graduate-school application.

Pursue your own original research
Your research in courses, study abroad, and internships culminates in the senior research thesis. You’ll spend a semester or entire year on an original research project under the guidance of faculty members, and publish your research in an online journal.

Participate in a close-knit community of learners
Environmental clubs at Rose Hill and Lincoln Center sponsored by our program allow you to participate in a close-knit community of learners beyond the classroom and pursue activities such as campus ecology projects, invited speakers, career fairs, and field trips.

Environmental citizenship and mission
You’ll serve the mission of Fordham and our program: to respect the environment, serve the greater good, and be an exemplary environmental citizen and leader.

For more information
Visit the Environmental Studies program webpage.

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