



# Environmental Studies

## Facts about an Environmental Studies Degree:

- Environmental Studies is an interdisciplinary program that focuses on the social, institutional, political, and legal aspects surrounding environmental issues and concerns.
- Students enrolled in Environmental Studies utilize a social science approach to understanding environmental issues and solutions. The program is often of interest to those who want to develop skills in communication, program development and policy analysis.
- A Co-operative Education Option is available to students registered in either the Major or Honours degree programs in Environmental Studies. Co-op is an arrangement whereby students spend alternating periods in university and employment.

## Areas of Employment

- Environmental boards and commissions
- Environmental non-governmental organizations (ENGO's)
- Educational Institutes
- Scientific foundations & policy institutes
- Municipal, provincial & federal government
- Environmental consulting firms
- Environmental education centres
- Agricultural companies & agencies
- Engineering, architecture & land use planning firms
- Manufacturing & retail companies
- Parks & outdoor recreation agencies
- Mineral resources/Mining companies
- Oil & gas, energy & utilities companies



# What Can I Do with an Environmental Studies Degree?

## Skills Possessed by Environmental Studies Graduates

Many employers are interested in the skills possessed by Environmental Studies majors. Depending on the Focus Area and courses taken, graduates will have the ability to:

- Understand the need for environmental sustainability and interconnection of environmental systems
- Develop and implement environmental communications and awareness programs
- Engage the public and consult with stakeholders about environmental issues and solutions
- Implement environmental management systems within an organization's strategic plan
- Understand environmental legislation and develop or enforce environmental policies, programs and/or procedures
- Undertake environmental impact assessments of natural resource development projects

## Sample Job Titles

Program graduates are prepared to work in all three environmental sectors: Environmental Protection, Resource Management and Environmental Sustainability. ***Qualification for positions is often determined by a combination of course selection, skills and employment history.***

- Environmental program officer/ coordinator
- Environmental compliance specialist
- Regional conservation assistant
- Recycling coordinator
- Research assistant
- Environmental officer
- Environmental consultant\*
- Environmental education specialist/liaison
- Naturalist/Park interpreter
- Environmental policy analyst\*
- Wildlife/Ecosystems Specialist
- Environmental planner
- Environmental communications officer
- Property management specialist
- Sustainable development manager
- Regional gardening program coordinator
- Green products specialist
- Regulatory advisor
- Environmental field technician\*
- Fund development and program manager

\* This job may require additional education, specific coursework, technical training or a graduate degree.

## Resources

**University of Manitoba Career Services** - Check our website at: [www.umanitoba.ca/student/careerservices](http://www.umanitoba.ca/student/careerservices)  
Click on "**Career Connect**" and register as a Student to view current job postings

### University of Manitoba Exploring Occupations

<https://umanitoba.ca/career-services/career-planning/explore-occupations>

**Environmental Careers Organization Canada** | [www.eco.ca](http://www.eco.ca)

**Manitoba Environmental Industries Association (MEIA)** | [www.meia.mb.ca](http://www.meia.mb.ca)

**Work Cabin: Canada's Outpost for Environmental Jobs** | [www.workcabin.ca](http://www.workcabin.ca)

**GoodWorkCanada** | [www.goodwork.ca](http://www.goodwork.ca)

**Environmental Career.com** | [www.environmentalcareer.com](http://www.environmentalcareer.com)

**Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources** | **Alumni Profiles**

<https://umanitoba.ca/environment-earth-resources/alumni-profiles>