



How would you like to save the world? Every day, more research indicates that global climate change is real and is one of the most pressing and dangerous issues facing our world today. In addition to scientists discovering these issues, we need people like you—environmental activists, sustainability officers, urban planners, researchers, conservationists—to shape how we address all environmental challenges. Our program prepares students to use what they learn in the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities to understand human interactions with the environment. This social sciences concentration prepares students for graduate programs in the social and behavioral sciences, humanities, and law school.

This is the place.

There's no better place to research environmental studies than New Orleans. The city is becoming a center for new ideas and approaches to sustainable living. Here you can work with newly established organizations that focus on environmental sustainability. Our city is located in a fabric of diverse communities, and many grass-roots initiatives in the decade since Katrina and the BP oil disaster focus on recovering from environmental challenges and building resilient and sustainable ways of living.

The Loyno community offers many opportunities for student involvement in working on environmental sustainability. Our faculty have connections with organizations throughout New Orleans and beyond to put you where the action is. We proudly support several student environmental organizations including Loyola Association of Students for Sustainability, Loyola University Community Action Program, Environmental Law Society, and more.

Courses

The courses listed below represent the curriculum offered within environmental studies. Qualification for the social sciences concentration requires supplemental social sciences curriculum. Here's a sample of what you can expect to learn and do:

Foundations in Environmental Studies

Students explore the major questions of environmental studies through readings, class discussions, interaction with faculty and others working in the field, field observation, and through their own inquiry. Required for all environmental science and environmental studies majors.

Environmental Sociology

Through readings, films, lectures, and discussions, students learn to think critically and theoretically about environmental issues, problems, and controversies. Emphasis is placed on developing a system of values that will allow students to contribute to the future sustainability of the planet.

Environmental Communications

This course presents an overview of how environmental information is expressed in mass communication and media. Important environmental theory and issues will be discussed. Students use and sharpen their writing skills, learn how to evaluate scientific information, and study issues with conflicting data.