

What Can I Do With the Environmental Studies Pathway?

Planning & Conservation

Area of Focus:

- Natural resource management
- Aviation/transportation planning
- Zoning/building
- Land use
- Recreation management
- Mining
- Construction
- Urban design and planning
- GIS analyst

Employers:

- Federal government agencies
- Utility companies
- Forestry companies
- Indian nations
- Oil/gas companies
- Land trust organizations
- Wildlife non-profit organizations
- Municipal governments

Environmental Law

Area of Focus:

- Political action/lobbying
- Regulatory affairs
- Science policy
- Transportation
- Patent law
- Public interest
- Industrial hygiene
- Environmental law
- Mediation

Employers:

- Law firms
- Large corporations
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of Justice
- Attorney General offices
- Political action committees
- Non-profit organizations

Stormwater & Waste Management

Area of Focus:

- Quality control
- Logistics
- Transportation
- Compliance
- Public health
- Industrial hygiene
- Urban design and planning

Employers:

- Federal government agencies
- Private waste management firms
- Consulting firms
- Non-profit organizations

Environmental Policy

Area of Focus:

- Land use
- Zoning planning and compliance
- Local, state, or federal environmental policy
- Environmental advocacy
- Environmental regulation
- GIS analyst

Employers:

- International organizations
- Non-profit organizations
- Consulting firms
- Land trust organizations
- Local, state, and federal agencies/governments

Environmental Remediation & Restoration

Area of Focus:

- Liability, audit, compliance, and sustainability:
 - Ground/surface water
 - Soils
 - Air
 - Sediment
- River & wetland restoration

Employers:

- Federal government agencies
- Agricultural consulting firms
- Environmental consulting firms

Strategies

- Consider pursuing a master's degree or PhD
- Seek out experience in student and community environmental organizations
- Stay up to date with local and federal regulatory agencies and laws pertaining to the environment
- Obtain experience through internships and volunteer work
- Develop an understanding of land and water policies
- Read job descriptions to know which lab, computer, and/or field skills are sought after