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The Environmental Studies Program is an example of the College of Arts and Science's strong commitment to interdisciplinary programs. The Environmental Studies Program is housed in the Office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and is administered by Dr. Pauline Gagnon, Associate Dean. The faculty of the Environmental Studies Program are members of many different disciplines in the College of Arts and Sciences whose different courses are integrated into the two degree programs, the BS in Environmental Science and the BS in Environmental Studies.

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The State University of West Georgia's Environmental Studies Program

Our program, unique in the State University System of Georgia, offers two distinctly different degrees, both of which are entirely interdisciplinary in their design:

**BS, Environmental Science**
**BS, Environmental Studies**

**What is Environmental Science?**

The Environmental Science degree is designed to prepare well-trained natural scientists who will be employed in government, industry, private research, or consulting firms, which require a strong background in math and statistics and skills in laboratory or field research. It is also designed to prepare students to enter graduate or law school. This degree is centered on a comprehensive natural sciences understanding of contemporary environmental issues. In addition to required courses in biology, chemistry and geology, courses are also required in geography, history, political science and sociology.

**What is Environmental Studies?**

The Environmental Studies degree focuses on the many ways in which environmental issues have become a multifaceted and contested social problem in contemporary society. Students will be prepared for positions in non-governmental organizations and foundations, public relations, planning, citizen-based community organizations and education groups, and non-profit, consulting and advocacy groups. It is also designed to prepare students to enter graduate or law school. Students will study social problems and social inequality, land/resource use and planning, impact and risk assessment in a cultural context, health and environmental policy, the environmental justice movement, social change, conflict resolution, and lobbying and advocacy.

**A sample of courses included in one or both degree programs:**

- ANTH 3180: Environmental Anthropology
  - Local-Global Connections
- ANTH 4134: Animals and Culture
- BIOL 1012: Ecology & Environmental Biology
- BIOL 4321: Applied & Environmental Microbiology
- BIOL 3440: Aquatic Ecology
- CHEM 3010: Law & Administration of Chemicals
- CHEM 4920: Environmental Chemistry
- COMM 3313: Public Relations
- COMM 3330: Advanced Communication Skills
- ENGL 4205: Professional and Technical Writing
- GEOG 4053: Environmental Impact Studies & Environmental Planning
- GEOG 4403: Water Resources Planning
- GEOG 4553: Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- GEOL 2553: Geology of the Natural Parks
- GEOL 3603: Environmental Geology
- GEOL 4083: Environmental Geochemistry
- GEOL 4093: Risk Assessment
- HIST 4461: Environmental History
- HIST 4477: The New South
- MGMT 3617: Business Presentations
- PLAN 3702: Land Use & Planning Controls
- PLAN 4702: Ethics in Land Use Policy and Planning
- POLS 4209: Environmental Policy
- SOCI 3623: Social Inequality
- SOCI 4803: Environmental Sociology
- XIDS 2202: Environmental Studies