Environmental Studies examines issues that arise from the interaction of human beings with the natural world. Understanding these issues and meeting the challenges they pose requires knowledge from diverse fields and new modes of thinking.

**Why Environmental Studies at Illinois Wesleyan?**

- Our interdisciplinary Environment Studies Program is designed to educate a new generation of students who are critical and creative thinkers, committed to advancing environmental sustainability both locally and globally.
- Our ES majors acquire a **solid foundation** in ecological principles, earth science concepts and scientific causes of today’s environmental challenges, as well as the institutions—cultural, political and economic—through which to tackle them.
- They grapple with the **ethical dimensions** of the human-environment relationship.
- And they engage in **applied learning**, bridging the language gap between specialists and the lay public, and gaining experience building a just and sustainable society.
- We offer **four unique ways** to complete the **major**. Students can pursue a **General Major** or choose one of three areas of concentration: **Ecology, Environmental Policy** or **International Environmental Sustainability**. We also offer a **minor**.

**Learning from a Quality Faculty**

- **William Munro**, (Director) Betty Ritchie-Birrer’47 & Ivan Birrer Ph.D. Professor of Political Science; Ph.D. - Yale University
  Specializes in agrarian development and food security.
- **Abigail Jahiel**, Professor of Environmental & International Studies; Ph.D. – University of Michigan
  Specializes in Asian environmental policy and global environmental politics.
- **Given Harper**, George C. & Ella Beach Lewis Endowed Chair of Biology; Ph.D. – Illinois State University
  Specializes in avian and mammalian ecology.
- **Laurine Brown**, Associate Professor of Health & Environmental Studies; Ph.D. – Tufts University
  Specializes in environment and public health.
- **Aaron Wilson**, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies; Ph.D. – University of Georgia
  Specializes in toxicology.

**A Sampling of Courses Offered by Environmental Studies:**

- American Environmental Politics
- Conservation Biology and Restoration Ecology
- Creating a Sustainable Society
- Earth Systems Science
- Environment and Society
- Ethics and the Environment
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Global Responses to Climate Change
- Global Sustainability and Asian Development
- Health and the Environment
- Water Quality

**Recent May Term Courses in Environmental Studies:**

- Environmental Science in Action
- Field Ornithology
- Native Americans and the Environment
- Toxic Threats to Reproduction and Child Development
- Tropical Ecology: Costa Rica (travel course)
- Vietnam Today: Addressing the Challenges of Sustainable Development (travel course)
Environmental Studies students are passionate about their subject of study. They want to make a difference in the world and the major prepares them for doing just that! Our students acquire a solid grounding in the scientific and societal causes of today’s environmental challenges, the means to address these challenges and real-world experience doing so. They leave Illinois Wesleyan well prepared for graduate school and for work in a wide range of careers.”

Abigail Jahiel
Professor of Environmental and International Studies

“From non-profit and environmental health internships to ecological research, the career development exposure I received at IWU was tremendous!”
Ojaswee Shrestha ‘18
IWU Major: Environmental Studies–Ecology
Minor: Biology

Putting Learning into Practice

- Our students:
  - gain professional experience through internships with organizations such as the Ecology Action Center, Sugar Grove Nature Center, Illinois EPA Governor’s Environmental Corps and local governments.
  - study abroad in places such as Australia, Denmark, Ecuador, Philippines and Tanzania.
  - conduct research with faculty on topics such as monitoring populations of bird species or freshwater mussels in Illinois, environmental effects of development practices in Asia, and food security in Africa.
  - spearhead campus sustainability efforts through their involvement in the GREENetwork and their leadership in the IWU Sierra Student Coalition, Student Senate and the Peace Garden.

- Our graduates:
  - work in a variety of jobs, including for the National Park Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Chicago Field Museum, Environmental Law and Policy Center and environmental consulting companies.
  - pursue graduate degrees in a range of fields, including Ecology, Environmental Law, Environmental Management, Oceanography, Plant Science, and Urban Planning at such schools as Cornell University, Duke University, University of Illinois and New York University.

Left: Students restore mangroves in Vietnam during travel course.

For Further Information, Write or Call:

William Munro
Director, Environmental Studies Program & Betty Ritchie-Birrer ’47 & Ivan Birrer Ph.D. Professor of Political Science
Illinois Wesleyan University
P.O. Box 2900
Bloomington, IL 61702-2900
309/556-3629
wmunro@iwu.edu
www.iwu.edu/environmental-studies