The Environmental Studies major is an 11 course program of study that includes required core courses, diversifying electives, and a 4-course specialization chosen by the student. All majors are required to take ENVI 101, ENVI 102, ENVI 302, and the ENVI 412. ENVI 101, Nature and Society: An Introduction to Environmental Studies, is a broad introduction to the field, emphasizing the humanities and social sciences. ENVI 102, Introduction to Environmental Science, introduces students to the interdisciplinary study of the Earth's systems through the synthesis of physical, chemical, geological, and biological perspectives. ENVI 302, Environmental Planning Workshop: Community-Based Experience, is an experiential project-based course and ENVI 412, is the Environmental Studies Senior Seminar. The remaining component of the core is comprised of three foundational courses, one from each of three lists of courses, with each list representing the main branches of the environmental curriculum: (culture/humanities, social science/policy, environmental science). Students choose, in consultation with their advisor, which foundational courses they will take. Building on this seven course foundation, each Environmental Studies major devises an individualized four-course cluster of electives that together comprise a disciplinary or thematic specialization; for example, climate change policy, environmental justice, the built environment, environmental chemistry, sustainable food and agriculture, environmental ethics. Students develop their course cluster in consultation with a faculty advisor in the spring semester of their sophomore year. One of the four electives in the cluster must be listed as a research methods course. In addition, all majors must complete one course designated by the Program as a “living systems” course.

We encourage all students interested in the major to meet with an environmental studies faculty advisor in at least one week prior to spring pre-registration to discuss their proposed cluster and plan of study.

Environmental Studies majors have an opportunity to pursue Honors in Environmental Studies; see details in course catalog.

### Required Courses (4 courses)
- Nature and Society: An Introduction to Environmental Studies (ENVI 101)
- Introduction to Environmental Science (ENVI 102)
- Environmental Planning Workshop: Community-Based Experience (ENVI 302)
- Senior Seminar: Perspectives on Environmental Studies (ENVI 412)

### Foundational Courses (3 courses, 1 from each group)
Students take one course from each of the following three groups listed in the catalog: Culture/Humanities, Social Science/Policy, and Environmental Science.

### Living Systems Course (1 course)
Living Systems course options include Ecology, Field Botany, and Marine Ecology among others.

### Methods Course (1 course)
The methods requirement includes such courses as Statistics, Geographic Information Systems, Empirical Methods, and Econometrics.

### Four-Course Specialization Cluster
In order to give a focus within their individual major, students develop a four-course specialization using relevant courses offered across the Williams’ curriculum. Courses taken while studying abroad may also be included in the specialization. The specialization cluster must be approved the Environmental Studies Program when the student declares their major.

### Study Away
There are many study away programs for students interested in various aspects of environmental studies, including the Williams Mystic Maritime Studies Program on Williams’ Coastal Campus at the Mystic Maritime Museum in Mystic, Connecticut.