ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES:
PATH TO THE MAJOR

THE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES MAJOR is a 10-course program designed to expose students to a variety of perspectives and knowledge across the Williams curriculum. It provides students with an opportunity to explore how humans interact with the environment, including physical, biological, philosophical, artistic, and social elements. The goal of the major is to educate students to be well-informed, environmentally literate citizens who have the capacity to become active participants in the local and global community. To this end, the major is designed to develop the capability to think in interdisciplinary ways and to use synthetic approaches to solve problems. Majors may also elect to pursue Honors in the program by writing a senior thesis.

STUDYING ABROAD? There are many study away options. Up to two study away credits may count towards major elective requirements. Williams-Mystic classes may satisfy elective requirements.

WHAT COURSES ARE REQUIRED? Two required introductory courses are recommended for first-years to form a solid foundation for higher-level classes, but may be taken at any time. Majors must take one 200-level foundational course in each of three categories – Culture and Humanities, Social Science and Policy, and Environmental Science. *In addition, four electives are required from the list of Environmental Studies Concentration electives: Environmental Policy; Humanities, Art & Social Science; and Natural World. Three electives must be from one category, the fourth in a different category. Majors are required to take a 400-level Environmental Studies Senior Seminar.

*Elective courses are listed in the Environmental Studies Concentration catalog.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. Find more information about the major at https://ces.williams.edu/academic-program/major/
View the course offerings at https://catalog.williams.edu/evst/
View the elective offerings at: https://catalog.williams.edu/envi/
Contact ces@williams.edu with any questions.