ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES: 
PATH TO THE CONCENTRATION

THE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES CONCENTRATION is a 6-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, and social elements. The goal of the concentration 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 concentration is designed to develop the capability to think in interdisciplinary ways and to use synthetic approaches to solve problems while incorporating the knowledge and experiences gained from majoring in other departments at the College. Concentrators 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 the concentration’s elective requirements; however, Williams-Mystic classes satisfy all three electives.

WHAT COURSES ARE REQUIRED? Two required introductory courses are recommended for first-years, but may be taken at any time. Students must take one elective course in each of three categories: Environmental Policy, Humanities, Arts & Social Science, and Natural World.

There is an extensive list of Environmental Studies electives. Concentrators must take a 400-level Environmental Studies Senior Seminar. With the exception of ENVI 101 and 102, students have the flexibility to choose which classes may fulfill those requirements.

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

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