Environmental Studies Learning Goals 
as of Spring 2015

Environmental Studies students will:

1) Gain capacity to analyze and evaluate how human activities influence the environmental on local, regional and (and/or) global scales

2) Understand the underlying scientific basis for existing and emerging environmental issues

3) Utilize interdisciplinary approaches appropriate for the complexity of environmental issues and their solutions

4) Learn how the scientific understanding of environmental issues is translated into environmental policy and be able to assess the effectiveness of those policies and their implementation.

5) Understand the evolution of environmental thought in North America as a basis for the contemporary environmental movement

6) Recognize justice and sustainability as key elements in environmental decisions and understand the patterns of unequal responsibility for environmental degradation

7) Develop the capacity to conduct research and communicate findings to enhance public understanding and to contribute to environmental problem-solving

8) Cultivate a personal environmental ethic that includes advocacy for environmental stewardship