

Environmental Education

Effective environmental education combines environmental knowledge – typically biology for most naturalist type positions, but possibly of food or sustainable behaviors – with an understanding of how people learn.

Environmental studies does not recommend an individualized concentration in environmental education. Students need the content knowledge of the environmental science concentration, to which they should add education courses. This is similar to the model for students seeking certification in secondary education: students major in science, but add a minor in education. Recommended education courses include the following.

ENVS 215 Environmental education (4 credits)

EDUC 220 Introduction to Education and the Psychology of Learning (4 credits)

EDUC 252 Introduction to Middle/High School 5-12 Methods (2 credits)

One from:

EDUC 329 Elementary Science Methods (2 credits)

EDUC 352 Secondary Science Methods (4 credits)

ENVS 380 An internship in environmental education (1 or 2 credits)

Students interested in a position with the national parks should apply for a Student Conservation Association (thesca.org) summer internship. Students interested in working with their state department of natural resources should seek internships there.