



Distance Education

## Environmental Justice and Social Change Bachelor's Degree (2020-2021)

The trauma caused by the world's most pressing environmental issues have social justice ramifications, and the world needs environmental stewards to create solutions. The B.S. in Environmental Justice and Social Change prepares students to recognize the interconnectedness of social and biophysical factors and transfer that knowledge to careers in social justice. In this program, students investigate where inequalities exist and are enabled around the world. Courses in the program tackle global issues where people are susceptible to climate vulnerability, adaptation; environmental health; energy justice; agricultural change; food security; community revitalization; conservation and access to natural areas; conflict mediation, advocacy campaigns, public opinion; and government and non-government intervention. Students will learn to be data-driven to provide solutions to global issues of human inequity and environmental justice.

Graduates of the B.S. in Environmental Justice and Social Change will be able to:

1. Identify how globalization impacts socioecological systems.
2. Assess the role of environmental sustainability in the promotion of intersectional justice and equity.
3. Interpret environmental laws and policy and the impact on environmental justice issues.
4. Analyze specific research questions and real-world issues using data-driven practices.
5. Demonstrate proficiency in written, oral, and interpersonal communication.

### Program Core

COMM 303 Communicating to Stakeholders **OR**

COMM 403 Environmental Crisis Communication

ENCJ 305 Natural Resource Law and Policy

ENVJ 201 Understanding Diversity and the Environment

ENVJ 203 History of Creating Environmental Social Change

ENVJ 301 Energy Justice: Local to Global Perspectives

ENVJ 303 American Government: Foundations in Environmental Law

ENVJ 305 Sustainable Design and Justice

ENVJ 307 Food Systems and Social Justice

ENVJ 401 Seminar in Environmental Justice: Balancing Equity, Environment, and Enterprise

### Environmental Professional Core

EVPC 101 Professional Skills

EVPC 201 Environmental Issues: Deforestation, Biodiversity Loss, and Overpopulation **OR**

EVPC 202 Environmental Issues: Energy, Water Scarcity, and Waste

EVPC 301 Environmental Justice **OR**

EVPC 305 Building a Better World: Ethical Decision-Making

EVPC 401 Transformational Leadership

EVPC 490 Transdisciplinary Capstone

**General Education Core**

BIOL 103 Biology: Foundations of Life

BIOL 105 Biological Diversity, Ecology, and Evolution

ENVS 201 The Warming Planet: Understanding Climate Change

MATH 201 Statistics for Environmental Professionals

PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology **OR**

SOCI 101 Introduction to Environmental Sociology

An Arts course

2 Communication courses

A Humanities course

A Language course

**General Electives**

39 credits of general electives

College Wide Requirements: *A minimum of 120 earned credit hours, 30 credits at the 300 level or above, a minimum of 30 credits earned at Unity, and an overall cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above*