B.S. in Environmental Science and Climate Change

The world needs solutions! You can provide them. Create change in an environmental science career like green consulting, inspecting, engineering, and urban/regional planning. Earn your online environmental science and climate change degree to begin.

Cost: $470 per credit
Military Discount: $423

Program Features

+ One-on-one academic and professional advising as our world-class faculty and trained staff strive to make your professional and academic goals a reality.
+ Unity College is an accredited institution by New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).
+ Experiential Online. Experiential programs are delivered 100% online with field work designed with the working professional in mind.
+ Study when and where you want and finish your degree while still working full-time.
+ Make professional connections with leaders in your field.
+ Get job placement assistance through our career services department.
+ Transfer friendly! We will accept up to 90 credits.
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The B.S. in Environmental Science and Climate Change degree enables students to work effectively as environmental inspectors, consultants, engineers, or urban/regional planners. Learning through the lens of climate change adaptation and mitigation, this program also prepares students with a sound understanding of modern environmental issues and the professional skills needed for effective functioning in modern natural resource organizations.

Job Outcomes, Growth*, & Salary**

Environmental Technician
Median Salary: **$46k**
Growth: **+8**
Environmental Technicians perform laboratory and field tests in order to monitor the environment and investigate sources of pollution and other hazards under the supervision of an environmental specialist. They collect samples of gases, soil, water, and other materials for testing to collect data.

Climate Resilience Scientist
Median Salary: **$71k**
Growth: **+8**
Climate Resilience Scientists are responsible for researching current and potential hazards to the environment that affect climate change. They perform studies and collect data to be analyzed in order to create effective solutions.

Environmental Program Analyst
Median Salary: **$71k**
Growth: **+8**
Environmental Program Analysts research and analyze policy developments related to protecting the environment. They are responsible for making recommendations for actions such as legislation, awareness campaigns, or fundraising approaches.

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*Projected 10-year growth  **National median salary  Source: O*Net
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+ **Assess** the political, legal, economic, and social dynamics associated with environmental issues and the management of environmental issues.

+ **Draw** on cross-disciplinary knowledge in the biological, physical, and social sciences to propose, evaluate, and explain management solutions to environmental problems.

+ **Explain** pressing environmental issues through the lens of climate change.

+ **Choose and implement** appropriate laboratory techniques for environmental analysis.

+ **Evaluate** information using scientific and quantitative reasoning skills.

**Program Core**

- BIOL 201 Organisms that Sustain the Earth: Understanding Plants
- BIOL 203 Ecological Principles: Applications to Conservation and Wildlife
- CHEM 101 Chemistry I
- CHEM 102 Chemistry I Laboratory
- COMM 303 Communicating to Stakeholders
- ENCI 305 Natural Resource Law and Policy
- ESCI 101 Geology and Our Environment
- ESCI 301 Soil Analysis
- ESCI 303 Hydrology, Wetlands, and Water Policy
- ESCI 305 Environmental Remediation and Toxicology
- ESCI 401 Environmental Science Field Techniques
- MATH 401 Statistics for Wildlife Professionals

**Environmental Professional Core**

- EVPC 101 Professional Skills
- 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 104 Biology: Foundations of Life Laboratory
- BIOL 105 Biological Diversity, Ecology, and Evolution
- BIOL 106 Biological Diversity, Ecology, and Evolution Laboratory
- ENVS 201 The Warming Planet: Understanding Climate Change
- MATH 201 Statistics for Environmental Professionals
- An Arts course
- 2 Communications courses
- Check here if only one COMM course complete
- A Humanities course
- A Language course
- A Social Sciences course

**General Electives**

- 39 credits of general electives

**College Wide Requirements**

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- EVPC 305 Building a Better World: Ethical Decision-Making

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Undergraduate Concentrations

**Emergency Disaster Management**
Learn how to proceed in the face of disasters to protect our environment.

**Environmental Justice & Social Change**
Protect our environment through policies and social change.

**Marine Biology & Sustainable Aquaculture**
Explore all aspects of oceanography, from vegetation to mammals.

**Environmental GIS**
Develop in-demand Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping skills.

**Wildlife Ecology**
Understand how to manage different types of wildlife.

**Animal Health & Behavior**
Explore fundamental aspects of animal training and care.