What can I do with a major in...

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Conduct research or perform investigations for the purpose of identifying, abating, or eliminating sources of pollutants or hazards that affect either the environment or the health of the population.

INDUSTRIES:
Scientific and Technical Services, Government (State and Federal), Engineering Services

Salary
$41,580
ENTRY LEVEL

$69,400
MEDIAN LEVEL

Common Job Titles
Environmental Analyst
Environmental Safety Specialist
Environmental Protection Specialist
Environmental Scientist
Hazardous Substances Scientist
Research Environmental Scientist
Senior Environmental Scientist
Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS)

Skills
Critical Thinking
Active Listening
Science
Speaking
Complex Problem Solving
Decision Making
Reading Comprehension
Writing
Active Learning
Time Management
Communication
Teamwork

Tools
Air samplers or collectors
Mercury monitors
Radiation detectors
Scintillation probes
Soil core sampling probes
Water analyzers
Water samplers
Multiparameter water quality instruments

Knowledge
English Language
Mathematics
Law and Government
Clerical Terminology
Biology
Popular Employers
Department of Agriculture
Environmental Protection Agency
Department of Defense
Private waste management firms
Environmental research laboratories
Natural Resource Conservation
Water treatment plants
Consumer products manufacturers

Universities
Utilities companies
Forestry companies
Wildlife ranges
Mining companies
Agricultural or environmental consulting firms

Related Occupations
Environmental Compliance Inspectors
Environmental Engineers
Soil and Water Conservationists
Geoscientists
Hydrologists and Geographers
Hydrologists

Advice from professionals is great
Make Connections. It’s important for environmental studies majors to network and build relationships when attending professional events. Professional associations allows for networking, mentoring, learning the industry trends and finding career or internship opportunities. Professional associations within the environmental studies industry include:

Professional Associations
American Association of Petroleum Geologists
American Geological Institute
Marine Technology Society
American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists

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