Environmental and Sustainability Studies

Few majors have a true linear trajectory to a specific career path. An Environmental and Sustainability Studies degree can prepare you for a variety of career paths including, Government, Nonprofit, Education, Fieldwork, and Business. A graduate degree will further prepare an ENVST student for more specialized careers.

General Career Information for Environmental and Sustainability Studies majors:

- U of U Career Services
- Who Hires U of U Grads
- What can I do with this major

Related Disciplines
- Soil Science
- Environmental Law
- Public Health
- Environmental Sociology
- Public Health
- Geology
- Forestry
- Urban Planning

Related Career Fields

- Business
  - Environmental Consulting
  - Policy Analysis
  - Green Economy
  - Renewable Energy
  - Energy Efficiency

- Nonprofit
  - Administration
  - Program Management
  - Fundraising/Development
  - Research
  - Grant Writing
  - Non Governmental Organizations

- Education
  - Teaching
  - Research
  - Curation
  - Administration
  - Student Affairs
  - Non-classroom Education

- Government
  - Army Corps of Engineers
  - Department of Defense
  - Environmental Protection Agency
  - Department of Interior
  - Department of Agriculture
  - Food and Drug Administration
  - Lobbying (politics)

Activism Topics
- Fracking
- Divestment
- Mountaintop Removal
- Environmental Degradation
- Protecting Natural Landmarks
- Genetically Modified Organisms

Additional Career Path
- Exploration Resources:
  - O*Net Online: http://www.onetonline.org
  - Bureau of Labor Statistics

What are Utah Environmental and Sustainability Studies alumni doing with their majors?
There are 641 U of U alumni on LinkedIn who studied Environmental and Sustainability Studies. Here is a snapshot of the top 10 professions reported.

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Select Professional & Student Organizations

- EnviroClub
- Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences
- Global Change & Sustainability Center

Contact your Career Counselor: Damien E Pitts · dpitts@sa.utah.edu · (801) 585-5085 · SSB 350
EXCLUSIVE STUDENT RESOURCES

Services are FREE for current U of U students up to one year after graduation. Graduates from more than a year ago are eligible for services with an Alumni Association membership.

- **Choosing a Career/Career Development** – Visit our website (http://careers.utah.edu) and the Career Exploration Center (350 SSB) for information on careers/internships, job market trends, salary information, and “What can I do with this major?”

- **Career counseling/guidance** available including resume review, interview techniques, networking resources, and salary negotiation – see Find Your Counselor on our website or call 801/581-6186. Walk-in counselors are also available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10am-3pm.

- **Finding a part-time job, internship or career position** – easy online access to local, national, and government job postings, as well as volunteer, military and non-profit opportunities on UCareerLink.

- **Resume writing help & samples** – resume/cover letter writing instructions, examples and career counselor to proof and suggest updates your resume.

- **Interviewing techniques** – library and web resources, workshops and practice interviews through UCareerLink or by appointment with counselor.

- **Career Services Internship Program** – obtain local or national internship opportunities to gain practical experience in your field of study for which you may receive University of Utah upper-division academic credit.

- **Finding employers and employer contacts** – mentor and company contacts directory in UCareerLink and access to national software tools CareerShift. Assistance with creating a profile and utilizing LinkedIn.

- **Career Fairs, Student Job & Internship fairs** – Fall and Spring, see website for dates.

- **On-campus interviewing and information sessions** – employers come to Career Services on campus to meet with students. Sign-up through UCareerLink.

- **Getting into graduate school** – annual fall Graduate School Fair, workshops, and other resources including navigating the application process and assistance with personal statements.

- **Career Pathways** – join young alumni and professionals to explore and network around a targeted career field. Each event includes a panel discussion with professionals, followed by an opportunity for students to meet and learn more about the variety of careers from industry professionals.