Environmental Humanities

The major in Environmental Humanities prepares students to revitalize public understanding of the natural world through nature education, museum work, community organizing, literacy education, advocacy, writing and the arts. “Green” jobs are found among the fastest growing fields in the 21st-century global economy.

Government and corporate funding for retrofitting buildings, reconfiguring mass transit and restoring wildlife preserves reaches new highs every year. Many organizations have begun reprioritizing departments and creating initiatives to develop environmentally friendly products and develop new green business practices. Minimizing the use of resources while lowering costs is an important incentive for businesses, government, and individuals to innovate and operate more sustainably. To achieve this, there is a need for skilled analysts, consultants, educators, advocates, planners, and policy makers. Many of these jobs did not exist several years ago and this “green” sector of the economy is expected to continue to grow.

Transferable Skills

- Thinking critically and analytically
- Conducting research and presenting findings
- Working in groups for collective problem-solving
- Understanding planning practices and processes
- Understanding demography and statistics
- Leadership and interpersonal skills
- Collecting and analyzing data
- Public speaking and presentation
- Finding solutions to intricate problems
- Technical writing and communication

Career Communities to Consider

- Arts & Communication
- Public Service
- Education & Helping Professions
- Business