

Environmental & Natural Resource Economics



ENRE integrates natural sciences with economics. Utilize issues occurring around the world and identify what can be done to support the global economy and the environment. Take courses to prepare you for graduate school or minors such as Global Water Resources, Political Science, or a language. Obtain a double major alongside Green Business or join the accelerated Bachelor-Masters (ABM) program.

Areas of Opportunity

- Environmental resource management
- Rural economic development
- Health and regulatory inspection
- State and Federal conservation
- Renewable energy
- Public and environmental health
- Environmental planning
- Emergency Management

Common Employers



Consulting firms
Nonprofit organizations
Gas, water, and electric distributors
International agencies
Universities and colleges
Landscape development and maintenance industry
Bureau of Land Management
Environmental Protection Agency

Professional Organizations



AAEA - Agricultural and Applied Economics Association
ACE - Association for Communication Excellence
AERE - Association of Environmental and Resource Economists
ESA - Ecology Society of America
NAAEE - North American Association for Environmental Education
NESHTA - National Environmental, Safety and Health Training Association
RISEP - RI Society of Environmental Professionals
SER - Society for Ecological Restoration



Strategies on Entering the Field

- Gain experience through internships, volunteer or other part-time positions with government or private projects.
- Develop excellent communication skills, both oral and written, as well as the ability to work as part of a team.
- Conduct regulatory research regarding environmental issues.
- Plan to travel to worksites.
- Demonstrate flexibility and willingness to look at issues from various perspectives.
- Gain familiarity with current technologies, regulations and statutes.
- Stay up to date on local, national, and global economic trends.
- Research and build contacts at management organizations that specialize in agriculture.