

# Environmental and Sustainability Studies (BA, BCD)

Environmental and Sustainability Studies is an interdisciplinary subject that will challenge you to combine skills and knowledge from a variety of different fields. You will gain a more complete understanding of natural and human environments, and you will be ready to lead change.

Acadia's Environmental and Sustainability Studies (ESST) major develops environmental leaders, managers and professionals who are critical and insightful thinkers as well as creative problem solvers. We strive for you to become skilled in leading transformational change towards more sustainable, just, and socially responsible lifestyles, communities, institutions and societies through a broad range of career pathways across the non-profit, government and private sectors. Your professors are productive and respected researchers and scholars who are fully immersed in solving critical and pressing environmental and sustainability problems as well as creating a stimulating learning setting.

## Be Inspired

ESST is academically challenging with a focus on interdisciplinary learning that takes a conceptual problem-solving approach to understanding and tackling major sustainability issues in society. Our experiential learning approach serves to integrate both the conceptual and applied aspects of the program. Service to the community and society through engaged learning opportunities is the cornerstone of your Acadia experience. Through these experiences, you will further develop your sense of citizenship, especially with respect to environmental and sustainable stewardship.

## Future Careers

- Alternative energy policy analysis and implementation
  - Community sustainability planning
  - Ecotourism
  - Environmental education
  - Environmental research
  - Government environmental and sustainability positions
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- Green business and purchasing
  - Law
  - Non-governmental environmental organizations
  - Park and open spaces management
  - Policy analysis

- Sustainable food systems
- Teaching

## **First Year at a Glance**

### **Semester One**

#### **ESST 1003**

Sustainability Concepts & Systems

#### **ENGL 1413**

Writing & Reading Critically 1

#### **CODE 1023**

Environment & Sustainable Society

#### **ELECTIVE xxx3**

Your choice

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Your choice

### **Semester Two**

#### **ESST 1023**

Environmental Perspectives

#### **ENGL 1423**

Writing & Reading Critically 2

#### **ELECTIVE xxx3**

Your choice

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Your choice

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Your choice

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**Co-Op Available:** Yes

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**Honours:** Thesis-based, with research

**Get Involved:**

ESST Student Society

Acadia Farm

Acadia Sustainability Office

Acadia Tidal Energy Institute

Community Outreach Acadia

Slow Food Acadia

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