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**What Can I Do With a Major
In Environmental Studies &
Environmental Sciences?**

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Where Do Environmental Studies & Sciences Majors Work & Study?

Now – Within 6 Months of Graduation

AmeriCorps VISTA
Neighborhood Engagement
Coordinator

Blaine Tech Services
Environmental Sampling
Technician

Blue Kennels and Dog Sled Trips
Handler

**Children's National Research
Center**
Research Technician

Columbia University
MS Climate and Society

Environment Virginia
Climate Defender Organizer

Environmental Defense Fund
Editorial and Communications
Intern

FarWide
GIS Analyst

Felix
Media Sales Associate

Food & Water Watch
International Policy Intern

FoodCorps
Service Member

Frost Valley YMCA
Program Instructor/Garden
Specialist

George Washington University
MS Sustainable Urban Planning

Hudson River Park Trust
Environmental Educator

Johns Hopkins University
MPH Public Health

Law Street Media
Issues Brief Specialist

National Park Service
Natural Resource Intern

New York Attorney General
Science Intern

New York University
MS Food Studies

**NYS Department of Environmental
Conservation**
Fish and Wildlife Technician I

Plantology Design
Sr. Administrative Assistant and
Environmental Educator

Sang Lee Farm
Farm Educator

**Southern Appalachian Highlands
Conservancy**
Project Conserve PR and Outreach
Associate

Taos Field Study School
Environmental Educator

The Cadmus Group, Inc.
Field Technician

The Gunnery
Sustainability Coordinator

The University of Rhode Island
MA Marine Affairs

Tufts University
MS Water Resources Engineering

University at Albany
Ph.D. Atmospheric Science

University of Florida
Ph.D. Interdisciplinary Ecology

University of Sussex
MSc Environment, Policy and
Development

World Resources Institute
NDC Partnership Tools Intern

Yale University
MS Environmental Management

If You Like These Outcomes, Consider These Career Communities:

Social Impact & Education

Government & Law

Later – Up to 25 Years After Graduation

BlueWave Solar
Marketing Director

Boston University
MA Energy and Environmental
Analysis

Butter Beans Inc.
Communications Associate and
Wellness Educator

Clemson University
MA Hydrogeology

**Climate & Energy Program, Union
of Concerned Scientists**
Deputy Director of Operations

**CO Dept Public Health &
Environment**
Permit Compliance Inspector,
Water Control Compliance
Division

Colorado State University
Donor Relations Coordinator

DTE Energy
Business Analyst

Farmrun
Principal

GLG (Gerson Lehrman Group)
Senior Business Development
Manager

Harvard University
M.Arch Landscape Architecture

Indiana University Bloomington
MPA Environmental Science,
Energy, International Affairs,
Ecology

**La Joya Independent School
District**
Composite Science Teacher -
High School

Middlebury College
Sustainability Outreach
Coordinator

MIT
MBA Sustainability

North Carolina Botanical Gardens
Edible Campus UNC Coordinator

NRG Energy
Renewables Project Development

NYC Department of Education
Elementary School Teacher

**Physicians, Scientist & Engineers
for Health Energy**
Executive Director

PlaceIQ
Senior Technical Account
Manager

Portland Public Schools
Teacher

Rainforest Alliance
Coordinator, Corporate Advisory

Ramboll Environ
Consultant

Renbrook School
Upper School Science Teacher

San Mateo County
Resource Conservation Specialist

Second Harvest Food
Nutrition Educator

Stanford University
MS Environmental Chemistry

Stantec
Environmental Planner

Stripe
Account Executive

**SW Florida Water Management
District**
Water Use Permit
Bureau/Hydrologist

**The Graduate Center, City
University of New York**
Ph.D. Earth and Environmental
Studies

The University of Montana
MS Environmental Studies

**Touro College of Osteopathic
Medicine**
DO Osteopathic Medicine

Tulane University
MPH Environmental Health

UC Berkeley
Ph.D. Environmental Science,
Policy, and Management

University of Michigan
MA Urban Planning

University of Plymouth
MS Zoo Conservation Biology

University of Vermont
MS Natural Resources,
Ecological Planning Program

**Vermont Housing and
Conservation Board**
Conservation Analyst

Victoria University of Wellington
Ph.D. Environmental Studies

**Walking Mountains Science
Center**
Adult Programs Instructor

Wellington City Council
Senior Advisor, Transport
Strategy

Wildlife Habitat Council
Director, Conservation
Certification and Technology

Internships Completed by Environmental Studies and Environmental Science Majors

Albany Pine Bush Preserve
Capital Roots
Earthos Institute
Environmental Defense Fund
Foundation for Alternative Development in the
Galapagos
Glen Echo Park
Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance
Managed Resources and Protected Areas

New York State Department of Health
Rainforest Alliance
Solar United Neighbors
The Nature Conservancy
Town of Dennis Natural Resources Department
University at Buffalo
US Environmental Protection Agency
Westchester Land Trust
Wilkinson Ecological Design Company

In Their Own Words:

I would advise incoming environmental studies majors to take a variety of courses. Since this is an interdisciplinary major, it is important to understand how environmental issues encompass the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and the arts. I would also advise students to study abroad! Studying abroad, especially with programs such as SIT and SFS, is a great opportunity to get some valuable experience working in the field.

Jenna Gersie, 2010

I started with a moderately technical background, which meant that I could be a resource to the business team as they developed the product strategy. I was then able to leverage that technical background into something much more fast-paced and customer-facing: business development. I'm sure you could go the other way with it and start with a business background, but I really liked having a solid understanding of the tech and how that informed product-market fit. Learning the business end of things on the fly was really fun, and there were countless opportunities to do so. I went the startup route, which has meant that I had as much responsibility as I asked for. Small organizations mean that you get to interface with much more senior people at other companies, which accelerates your professional development. You have to be aggressive and comfortable living with ambiguity, but it is a great experience that will get you ahead of the competition. That said, there are lots of big companies out there looking to improve how they innovate, and they are trying to create the feel of a startup within their ranks""if you want more structure than you might get at a small company, look for these "skunk works" projects at big brands.

Gordon MacPherson, 2012

Go out into the world with as much as enthusiasm as you've had here at Skidmore. And don't take no for an answer! If you really want to do something, find a way to make it happen. Always looks for small windows when it feels like doors are closing. And don't feel like you have to do it on your own. Tap into the power of community, reach out to people that you don't know. You are the CEO of your own career; surround yourself with those that can help you with your endeavors.

Jenna Ringelheim, 2002