

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Program Description

View on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwHrpqFdaLE>)

The environment on which humans depend is under unprecedented pressure to maintain the lifestyles and economies of the world's population. Sustainable solutions to global problems have never been as imperative as they are today. The environmental studies program engages students in a rewarding and multidisciplinary approach to understanding how humans impact the environment. The field encompasses a diverse array of interests by drawing on aspects of the physical and life sciences as well as the social sciences and humanities. As an interdisciplinary field, it emphasizes critical thinking and synergistic approaches to solving complex problems. The degree prepares students for stimulating and lucrative careers working toward the goal of sustainability.

Transfer Preparation

Transfer students are advised to do research on prospective majors and careers. The MSJC Transfer Center and MSJC catalog can be helpful tools. Students interested in transferring to CSU's or UC's can access major preparation by visiting ASSIST (<http://www.assist.org>). All students are advised to meet with a counselor at least once a semester to create or update their comprehensive education plan.

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Degrees/Certificates

Note: The Environmental Science, A.S.-T is being revised but is expected to be reinstated in Spring 2026.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Explain how scientific knowledge is obtained and verified.
- Evaluate the cycling of matter and the flow of energy in environmental systems.
- Achieve basic environmental literacy.
- Think critically about the environmental issues by drawing on an understanding of scientific principles.
- Explore the ethical and social considerations inherent in environmental science.
- Apply the most current environmental discoveries and regulations to contemporary situations.

Careers and Salaries

Discover in-demand careers and education options based on your interests! See the list of careers below or explore further by searching for **Careers or Programs** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com>).

Note: There are no guaranteed positions for students completing these programs. Education and work experience required will vary by employer. The salary and benefits for specific occupations will be dependent on work experience, education, background, and employer. Labor market statistics are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Census Bureau, O-NET, EMSI.

Career/Industries	CA Annual Median Salary or Range	Employment Demand or Opening CA
Environmental Compliance Inspector (A, B)	\$84,783	4,491
Environmental Engineer (B, M)	\$111,966	456
Environmental Scientists and Specialists (B, M)	\$95,841	1,205
Environmental Science and Protection Technicians (A, B, M)	\$54,405	650
Conservation Scientists (B, M)	\$76,702	237
Forest and Conservation Technician (SM, A, B)	\$58,434	829

(degree required: SM some college, C: Certificate, A: Associate degree, B: Bachelor's degree, M: Master's degree, D: Doctorate)