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The Environmental Studies Program offers several introductory courses for students interested in broadening their understanding of environmental issues. These courses are often team-taught by faculty from various areas of study.

Students wishing to major in an environmental program have three options: environmental science, environmental engineering (see Civil and Environmental Engineering), or environmental policy (see Policy Studies).

Students seeking advice regarding environmental programs may contact Dr. Isle, Dr. Harcombe, or Megan Wilde (Center for the Study of Environment and Society) for advice or more information.

Rice is a partner with Columbia University at Biosphere 2 Center, where Columbia offers a semester’s course in environmental studies, credit for which may transfer to Rice. Interested students should apply to the Environmental Studies Program directors.

Courses:

ENST 101 The Sustainable Environment
ENST 113 Environmental Crisis Seminar
ENST 200 Introduction to the Environment
ENST 303 Environmental Issues—Rice into the Future
ENST 400 Independent Study

See ENST in the Courses of Instruction section.