ABOUT US

The Institute of Environmental Sustainability's mission is to provide education and outreach on pressing environmental issues such as climate change, food production and distribution, conserving and recovering biodiversity, restoring ecosystem function, identifying emerging environmental contaminants, and informing environmental policy.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

- BA in Environmental Studies
- BA in Environmental Policy
- BS in Environmental Science
- BS in Environmental Science: Public Health
- BS in Environmental Science: Conservation and Restoration Ecology
- BS in Environmental Science: Food Systems and Sustainable Agriculture
- 5-year bachelor’s and master’s degree programs in environmental policy, public health, and business

MINORS

- Environmental Action and Leadership
- Environmental Science

HANDS-ON OPPORTUNITIES

- LUREC—The Loyola University Retreat and Ecology Campus is a 100-acre wilderness classroom that offers students a unique opportunity for hands-on learning in field ecology, conservation, restoration, and sustainable agriculture.
- Biodiesel Lab—a student-run program that converts waste cooking oil into fuel for campus shuttle busses.
- Urban agriculture—students employ state-of-the-art techniques and facilities to grow vegetables in campus urban gardens.
- Composting and recycling—Loyola recycles 64,000 lbs. of materials each month.
- Farmers market—Loyola hosts a student-run weekly farmers market from June through October that served 2,880 visitors last year.

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JOB PROSPECTS

The Institute’s curricula are designed to intentionally prepare students for careers in environmental science, stewardship, economy, business practices, and policy. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for “Environmental Scientists and Specialists” is projected to grow faster than the national average (15% v. 11%). Illinois reported the 5th highest mean annual salary for Environmental Scientists and Specialists in the country ($79,620), led by the Chicago metropolitan area ($82,710). In addition to offering a wide variety of internships on campus, our relationships in the community position students for outstanding internship opportunities throughout the city.