

Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, BS

Department: Applied Economics Department
College: College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences

Overview

About This Degree

The Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (ENRE) is aimed at students seeking an undergraduate degree focused on the efficient allocation of natural resources and amenities.

The environmental and natural resource economics major focuses on the application of economic principles to the efficient allocation of natural resources such as minerals, oil and natural gas, the management of public lands and pollution of public goods such as air and water.

With increasing competition for limited land, water and other natural resources in the U.S. and throughout the world, as well as growing concern about environmental degradation, there is a growing need for professionals who can assist in the process of balancing economic and environmental tradeoffs.

ENRE graduates will be well-prepared to contribute to the goals of organizations and agencies in both the private and public sectors.

ENRE majors will be required to complete one of the three following options:

1. Environmental Policy and Management (track offered by the Department of Environment and Society)
2. Natural Science (Watershed Sciences minor offered by the Department of Watershed Sciences)
3. Ecology (track offered by the Department of Wildland Resources)

Career Options

Students who graduate in environmental and natural resource economics may pursue the following career options:

- private firms with environmental compliance and restoration activities
- conservation initiatives directed toward energy or other natural resources
- consulting firms that assist clients in meeting environmental objectives
- non-profit environmental organizations
- federal government agencies
- state and local government agencies
- graduate studies in natural resource and environmental economics
- professional program in environmental law

What it takes

Admissions Requirements

Admission will require a minimum high school grade point average of 2.5 (4.0 = A) accompanied by a score of 18 on the ACT, and 860 on the SAT (not including the writing component), or a 90 index score. Provisional admission may be made following USU admissions policies.

Major Requirements

[Click here](#) to see course requirements for the **Bachelor of Science**.

Consistent with departmental standards in its other majors, ENRE majors will be required to have an overall major GPA of 2.5 or higher, with a C or better in every required course.

Contact

Advising

All new USU students participate in a [New Student Orientation](#) program, where they receive detailed information about major requirements, registering for classes, and other important advising information.

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