

Career Outlook 2019: Environmental Studies

Environmental Studies Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: Environmental Studies (B.S.) **Minors:** Environmental Studies, Sustainability

Fields of Emphasis: Industrial Ecology, Environmental Health and Toxicology, Ecosystem, Environmental Policy and Planning, Geohydrology,

Department Website: <https://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/css/environmental-studies/>

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:

The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" (OOH) reports Environmental Scientists and Specialists held about 89,500 jobs in 2016. 23% were employed in management, scientific and technical consulting services. About 37% of environmental scientists were employed in state and local governments; and 9% were employed in engineering services.

OOH reports that the nationwide demand for environmental scientists and specialist is expected to grow faster than average through 2026, with people in their career earning between \$41,580 and \$122,510 per year. The median annual wages of environmental scientists and specialists were \$69,400 in 2017. Many hold graduate degrees.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GRADUATES:

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Environmental Studies graduates. Of the Bemidji State University 2016-2017 Environmental Studies graduates, 71.4% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation, and 22.2% continued their education. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, or had unknown status.

PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GRADUATES*: (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation from years 2015-2017)

Adams County Government	Parks Maintenance II-Event Services	Brighton, CO
Big Stone SWCD	Farm Bill Technician	Ortonville, MN
City of Bemidji	Recreation	Bemidji, MN
College of St. Benedict	Sustainability Fellow	St. Joseph, MN
DNR, Dept. of Natural Resources	Hydrologist	Fergus Falls, MN
Great Plains Processing	Health Safety Environment Quality Lead	Luverne, MN
Montana State University	Field Research Crew Leader	Bozeman, MT

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

- Bemidji State University Bemidji, MN
- Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Minneapolis, MN

*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

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For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu

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