

Career Outlook: Environmental Studies

Environmental Studies Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: Environmental Studies (B.S.) **Indigenous Sustainability Studies (B.S.)**New Major

Minors: Environmental Studies, Sustainability, Indigenous Sustainability Studies

Fields of Emphasis: Environmental Health and Toxicology, Ecosystem, 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 85,000 jobs in 2018. 24% were employed in management, scientific and technical consulting services. About 36% of environmental scientists were employed in state and local governments; and 8% were employed in engineering services.

OOH reports that the nationwide demand for environmental scientists and specialists is expected to grow 8% (faster than average) through 2028, with people in their career earning between \$42,520 and \$124,620 per year. The median annual wages of environmental scientists and specialists were \$71,130 in 2018. Many hold graduate degrees.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GRADUATES:

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Environmental Studies graduates. Of the 16 Bemidji State University 2017-2018 Environmental Studies graduates, 85.7% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation, and 6.3% 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)

Antwan Group	Staff Professional	Redmond, WA
Arkema, Inc.	Lab Technician	Blooming Prairie, MN
Becker County SWCD	Conservation Technician	Detroit Lakes, MN
MN Department of Natural Resource	Watercraft Inspector	Bemidji, MN
MN Department of Natural Resources	Parks Worker	Ely, MN
Prairie Restorations, Inc.	Assistant Project Manager	Lewiston, MN
Ramsey County Environmental Health	Operations Intern	Maplewood, MN
Red Lake Department of Natural Resources	Groundwater Specialist	Red Lake, MN
SEH	Land Surveyor	Lakewood, CO
Wilson Construction	Environmental Specialist	Big Falls, MN

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

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, 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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