

Career Outlook: Environmental Studies

Environmental Studies Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Majors: 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 90,900 jobs in 2019. 24% were employed in management, scientific and technical consulting services. About 34% 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 specialists is expected to grow 8% (much faster than average) through 2029, with people in their career earning between \$42,810 and \$124,760 per year. The median annual wages of environmental scientists and specialists were \$71,360 in 2019. Many hold graduate degrees.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GRADUATES:

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Environmental Studies graduates. Of the 15 Bemidji State University 2018-2019 Environmental Studies graduates, 90% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation, and 2 graduates 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)

Aurora BayCare Medical Center	Laboratory Assistant	Green Bay, WI
Braun Intertec	Materials Technician	Hibbing, MN
Cass County Environmental Services	Watercraft Inspector	Walker, MN
Cougar Environmental	Timber Cruiser	Sandpoint, ID
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Invasive Species Crew Leader	Bemidji, MN
MN GreenCorps	GreenCorp Member	Bemidji, MN
Park Ranger US Army Corps of Engineers	Park Ranger	Grand Rapids, MN
Red Lake DNR Water Resources	Water Resources Intern	Red Lake, MN

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

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- Mesabi Range College, Virginia, 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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