

Florida International University

Academic Learning Compact



Name of the undergraduate degree program

B.A. in Environmental Studies

Mission Statement

focus. The B.A. degree emphasizes the political, social and economic aspects of environmental issues. Environmental studies is an interdisciplinary program and faculty represent many disciplines in the natural and social sciences.

Student Learning Outcomes

FIU B.A. in Environmental Studies graduates should be able to do the following:

Content/Discipline Knowledge

1. Demonstrate proficiency in human impacts on the environment with emphasis on biodiversity, pollution and environmental toxicology with emphasis on energy consumption and production, solid wastes, air and water resources and pollution
2. Demonstrate proficiency in social, economic, educational and political influences in the development of sound environmental policies and management
3. Demonstrate proficiency in the methods of conceptualizing the natural environment and human/society relationships with the natural world

Critical Thinking

1. Identify and characterize major environmental problems and select tools for solving those problems.
2. Separate unbiased, objective environmental scholarship from material promoting special interests

Oral and Written Communication

1. Clearly explain concepts, methods and data in discussion
2. Use writing skills effectively for clear communication
3. Establish a logic flow of topics
4. Demonstrate organizational skills that provide the background importance, and relevance of the topic as well as focus the topic on pertinent issues

Direct and Indirect measures of Student Learning Outcomes

Content/Discipline Knowledge

1. Students will prepare a paper and/or class presentation, in which they are expected to demonstrate a proficiency in fundamental social, economic and/or political aspects of an environmental issue.

Critical Thinking

1. Faculty will use a scoring rubric to assess communication in the paper and/or class presentation as exemplary, acceptable, or unacceptable.

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