

## **POLITICS & SOCIETY CONCENTRATION**

**Description:** The *Politics & Society Concentration* is geared toward students who are interested in learning about how human-environment relationships are shaped by cultural practices, politics and broader social institutions, and how these cultural, political, and social factors might be changed to create more sustainable and socially just relationships.

**Questions:** What are the structural causes of environmental problems, how might these structural causes be addressed within existing institutions and practices, what kind of relationships to the environment should efforts to change the structural causes be directed toward?

**Skills:** Social science research methods, mapping and data presentation, argumentative thinking and writing, public speaking & persuasion, political and cultural analysis.

### **Relevant fields/careers:**

- Environmental advocacy
- Environmental consulting
- Environmental writing
- Environmental education

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<b>Required Skills Courses (choose 2)</b>		<b>6-8</b>
ES/JOUR 125	Environment, the Public and the Mass Media	4
ES/PHIL 301	Philosophical-Policy & Legal Design: Methods & Applications	4
ES/POLS 319	Mapping Data for Policymaking	4
ES/TLT 367	Environmental Education	3
ANTH 012	Human Evolution and Prehistory	4
ECO 001	Principles of Economics	4
SOAN 111	Research Methods and Data Analysis	4
<b>Required Content Courses (choose 3) <sup>1</sup></b>		<b>11-12</b>
ES/POLS 106	Environmental Values and Ethics	4
ES/ANTH 121	Environment and Culture	4
ES/ASIA/REL 254	Buddhism and Ecology	4
ES/HIST 315	American Environmental History	4
ES/ANTH 321	Information Ecology	4
ES/POLS 328	U.S. Politics and the Environment	4
ES/POLS 355	Environmental Justice: From Theory to Practice	4
ES/GS/SOC 370	Globalization and the Environment	4
ES/POLS 375	Seminar: Green Polity	4
<b>Elective Courses (choose 2) <sup>2</sup></b>		<b>6-8</b>
ES/EES 004	The Science of Environmental Issues	1
ES/POLS 312	Urban Environmental Policy Workshop	4
ES/HMS/JOUR/STS 323	Health and Environmental Controversies	4
ES 331	Environmental Law I: Pollution & Risk Abatement	4
ES/PHIL 343	Comparative Environmental Law & Philosophical-Policy Design	4
ES/PSYC 357	Psychology of Environmental Issues	4
EES 029	Human Health and the Environment	3
ENGL 380	Contemporary American Literature	4
HIST/GS 101	Histories of Globalization	4
HIST/GS 107	Technology and World History	4
HIST 308	Industrial America since 1945	4
HIST 336	Bethlehem and the Lehigh Valley	4
REL 006	Religion and Ecological Crisis	4
REL/GS 013	Religion and Food	4
HMS/REL/PHIL 116	Bioethics	4

<sup>1</sup> One course must be a 3-4 credit ES course.

<sup>2</sup> Can include any required skills or content courses not taken in another part of the concentration or the core courses.