Environmental Studies courses accessible to first-year students

Students interested in environmental issues are welcome in any of the courses below, whether or not they are considering a major in Environmental Studies. All of these courses do count toward the Environmental Studies major, as does the Intro to Environmental Studies course (ENVS 001), which will be taught in the spring semester.

None of the courses in the first category below have prerequisites, and all explicitly welcome first-year students. Many of the courses meet divisional distribution requirements (HU: humanities; SS: social sciences; NS: natural sciences and engineering) as noted below.

**Materials that Matter: Environmental Literature in the Anthropocene** English 089B / ENVS 044 (HU; M 1:15–4:00 PM)
**Religion and Ecology** Religion 022 / ENVS 040 (HU; T/Th 2:40–3:55 PM)
**Narratives of Disaster and Rebuilding in Japan** Japanese 035 / ENVS 051 (HU; T/Th 2:40–3:55 PM)
**Urban Environmental Community Actions** ENVS 085 (W 1:15–4:00 PM)
**Climate Disruption, Conflict, and Peacemaking** Peace & Conflict Studies 055 / Sociology 055 / ENVS 031 (SS; MWF 10:30–11:20 AM)
**Earth’s Climate and Global Warming** Physics 024 / ENVS 010 (NS; T/Th 9:55–11:10 AM; offered in alternate years: 2017, 2019, etc.)

Environmental Studies courses accessible to first-year students with prerequisites, or by consent of the instructor only

While the courses above are often the best options for first-semester students, there are a handful of other Environmental Studies courses this semester that first-year students can take if they meet certain requirements for previous study. If you have a strong interest in one of these courses, consider planning ahead to take it in a future semester, or please contact the instructor directly if there is a particularly strong reason to take it this semester.

**Ecofeminism(s)** English 089E / ENVS 042 (HU; by consent of the instructor)
**Environmental Economics** Economics 076 / ENVS 020 (SS; available if ECON 001 pre-requisite is met with a waiver from AP exams: [http://www.swarthmore.edu/economics/econ-001-waiver](http://www.swarthmore.edu/economics/econ-001-waiver))
**Solar Energy Systems** Engineering 035 / ENVS 077 (NS; Prereqs: PHYS 004, MATH 015)
**Environmental Policy and Politics** Political Science 043 / ENVS 022 (SS; by consent of the instructor)
**China, Brazil, and the Global Food Environment** Sociology / Anthropology 060C / ENVS 032 (SS; by consent of the instructor; will also be offered in Fall 2018)