Environmental Studies courses accessible to first-semester 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.

**Writing and Sustenance** [English 012](http://catalog.swarthmore.edu/preview_course.php?catoid=7&coid=53049)(HU;M 1:15-4:00 PM)

**Climate Disruption, Conflict, and Peacemaking** [Peace and Conflict 055 / ENVS 031](http://catalog.swarthmore.edu/preview_course.php?catoid=7&coid=48919) (SS; M/W/F 10:30-11:20 AM)

**Environmental Justice: Theory & Action** [Political Science 043B / ENVS 035](http://catalog.swarthmore.edu/preview_course.php?catoid=7&coid=46840) (SS; W 1:15–4:00 PM)

**Religion and Nature: Wonders Signs & Portents** Religion 041B (HU; M/W/F; 10:30-11:20 AM)

**Nature and Industry in Russian Literature & Culture** [Russian 086 / LITR 086](http://catalog.swarthmore.edu/preview_course.php?catoid=7&coid=8856)  (HU; T/Th 2:40–3:55 PM)

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](http://catalog.swarthmore.edu/preview_course.php?catoid=7&coid=53103) (HU; by consent of the instructor)

**Operations Research** [Engineering 035 / ECON 032](http://catalog.swarthmore.edu/preview_course.php?catoid=7&coid=8102)  (NS/SS; Prereqs: familiarity with matrix methods, especially solution of simultaneous linear equations, i.e. elementary linear algebra; but a full course in linear algebra is not required.)

**Water Quality and Pollution Control** [Engineering 063](http://catalog.swarthmore.edu/preview_course.php?catoid=7&coid=8108) (NS Prereqs: CHEM 10, MATH 24 or MATH 26, or the equivalent or permission of the instructor.