

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

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Department Website (<https://www.uwec.edu/academics/college-arts-sciences/departments-programs/public-health-environmental-studies/>)

Health, Justice, and Sustainability

Public Health and Environmental Studies offers high impact and interdisciplinary learning experiences in public health and environmental and sustainability studies and sciences.

Students interested in Public Health can pursue one of two majors or the minor:

- Environmental Public Health Comprehensive Major (Code 640-001)
- Public Health Major (Code 488-201)
- Public Health Minor (Code 488-401).

Students interested in Environmental and Sustainability Studies can enroll in one of two minors or the certificate:

- Environmental Science Minor (Code 155-400)
- Environment, Society, and Culture Minor (Code 489-401)
- Sustainability and Climate Action Certificate (Code 488-601)

Students in all of our programs take advantage of service learning opportunities, practicum/internship experiences, engage with activities and organizations on campus and in the community, and participate in faculty/student collaborative research.

Environmentally-themed comprehensive majors are also available in other departments, including Ecology and Environmental Biology Emphasis (Code 080-001), Environmental Geography (Code 140-007), and Geology Environmental Science Emphasis (Code 160-011). Students wishing for a broader understanding of Environmental Studies can also seek to develop a program of study in the Liberal Studies Comprehensive Major (Code 370-001).

Mission

We work collaboratively to build healthy, just, and sustainable human and ecological communities.

Values

We accomplish this mission through the application of the following principles in all we do:

- We collaborate across the campus and within the community, involving a broad range of interdisciplinary perspectives.
- Our efforts are centered on our students and their development.
- Both students and faculty are encouraged to be bold in how we teach and learn.
- We focus on imparting skills for life and career.
- Our program is distinctive—accomplishing our mission in innovative ways.
- We seek to be engaged in the world with our studies.
- At the same time, we are place-centered, recognizing the value of learning from and positively influencing our surroundings.

- We remain ecologically aware.
- We are ethically intentional in all these efforts.

Public Health and Environmental Studies consists of the faculty members listed on the faculty tab and affiliate members found in other home departments, programs, and units including: Art & Design, Biology, Blugold Dining Services, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Communication and Journalism, Economics, English, Geography and Anthropology, Geology and Environmental Science, Music and Theatre Arts, Philosophy and Religious Studies, and Sociology.

Faculty

James Boulter, Chair

Mel Kantor

Crispin Pierce

Briana Rockler

Laura Suppes

Majors

- Comprehensive Major: Environmental Public Health - B.S.E.P.H. (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/public-health-environmental-studies/environmental-public-health-comprehensive-major-bseph/>)
- Major: Public Health - B.A./B.S. (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/public-health-environmental-studies/public-health-major-ba-bs/>)

Minors

- Minor: Environment, Society, and Culture, Liberal Arts (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/public-health-environmental-studies/environmental-society-culture-minor/>)
- Minor: Environmental Science, Liberal Arts (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/public-health-environmental-studies/environmental-science-minor/>)
- Minor: Public Health, Liberal Arts (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/public-health-environmental-studies/public-health-liberal-arts/>)

Certificates

- Certificate: (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/public-health-environmental-studies/sustainability-and-climate-action/>) Sustainability and Climate Action