

## BACHELOR OF ARTS MAJOR IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES 2012-13

*"Today we are faced with a challenge that calls for a shift in our thinking, so that humanity stops threatening its life-support system. We are called to assist the Earth to heal her wounds and in the process heal our own—indeed, to embrace the whole creation in all its diversity, beauty, and wonder. This will happen if we see the need to revive our sense of belonging to a larger family of life, within which we have shared our evolutionary process."*

—Wangari Maathai, native of Kenya and 2004 Nobel Peace Prize winner

### Background

Environmental studies is an inherently transdisciplinary field arising from the interaction of Western-based natural and social sciences and from other sources of wisdom and tradition. The Environmental Studies program is designed to empower students to develop the knowledge base and skill set needed to address complex environmental issues.

### Program Description

The Environmental Studies curriculum integrates the complex and interconnected relationships of the natural environment, human culture and personal experiences. These relationships are studied through six related strands of the curriculum: field science, sacred ecology, sustainability, permaculture, environmental history and justice, and learning community.

### Curriculum

The major in Environmental Studies is composed of 36 credits of required courses. Environmental Studies majors have the flexibility to choose a specific field science course and focus course within the 36 credit hours. For students declaring a major in Environmental Studies, entry into the major is contingent upon completion of ENV100, Physical Geography, and ENV245, Pilgrimage and Sacred Landscape.

### BA in Environmental Studies Requirements\*

#### Required Courses

ENV207	History of the Environmental Movement (3)
ENV215	Sustainability (3)
ENV220	Ecology and Systems Science (3)
ENV238	Survival Skills (3)
ENV250	Nature, the Sacred, and Contemplation (3)
ENV260	Introduction to Permaculture (3)
ENV318	Deep Ecology (3)
ENV355	Environmental Justice (3)
ENV357	Creating a Learning Community (noncredit)
ENV420	Environmental Service Learning: Ecological Restoration (3)
ENV480	Senior Project Course (3)
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>

#### Choose one field science course:

ENV311	Plant Ecology (3)
ENV321	Geology (3)

#### Choose one focus course:

ENV236	Green Building (3)
ENV253	Environmental Economics (3)
ENV342	Permaculture Design (3)

ENV363	Indigenous Environmental Issues (3)
ENV370	Ecopsychology (3)

#### TOTAL CREDITS 36

*\*This fact sheet describes the 2011-12 curriculum for the Environmental Studies major. Naropa University faculty and staff are committed to regular review and revision of the curriculum, to reflect new findings and understandings in the field, feedback from alumni and the professional community, and faculty expertise. Please inquire with the Office of Admissions and/or the School of the Natural and Social Sciences for any curricular changes that are being considered for future academic years.*

### Creating a Learning Community

The Environmental Studies program requires Environmental Studies majors to complete four semesters of ENV357, Creating a Learning Community (typically during the junior and senior years). This is a noncredit course whose purpose is to provide students the time and space to build community within the department by engaging in meaningful environmental issues and projects. This course is also encouraged for Environmental Studies minors and Interdisciplinary Studies majors with Environmental Studies concentrations.

### Senior Project

The Environmental Studies program requires Environmental Studies majors to complete an individual senior project in the final semester of the program. The project can take the form of either a traditional senior thesis or a community-based project. This requirement is fulfilled by completing ENV480, Senior Project.

### Internship and Independent Study Opportunities

The Environmental Studies program has fostered partnerships with community organizations where students can arrange internships and co-create meaningful independent study opportunities that supplement the Environmental Studies curriculum.

### Permaculture Certificate

Students who successfully complete ENV260: Introduction to Permaculture and ENV342: Permaculture Design at Naropa University with a grade of B or better in both courses, including their final project, are eligible for a Permaculture Certificate. This is issued from the Permaculture instructor who is authorized by the Institute for Permaculture.

### Minors in Environmental Studies

Students from other departments interested in an Environmental Studies minor may select one of the following 12-credit minors. Courses must be taken in the appropriate sequence where prerequisites exist.

### Ecology and Systems Science

ENV100	Physical Geography (3)
ENV220	Ecology and Systems Science (3)
ENV238	Survival Skills (3)
One field science course (3)	

#### TOTAL CREDITS 12

## Environmental History and Justice

ENV207	History of the Environmental Movement (3)
ENV355	Environmental Justice (3)
ENV363	Indigenous Environmental Issues (3)
ENV420	Environmental Service Learning: Ecological Restoration (3)

### TOTAL CREDITS 12

## Environmental Sustainability

ENV215	Sustainability (3)
ENV236	Green Building (3)
ENV253	Environmental Economics (3)
ENV260	Introduction to Permaculture (3)

### TOTAL CREDITS 12

## Permaculture

ENV100	Physical Geography (3)
ENV220	Ecology and Systems Science (3)
ENV260	Introduction to Permaculture (3)
ENV342	Permaculture Design (3)

### TOTAL CREDITS 12

## Sacred Ecology

ENV245	Geography: Pilgrimage and Sacred Landscape (3)
ENV250	Nature, the Sacred, and Contemplation (3)
ENV318	Deep Ecology (3)
ENV370	Ecopsychology (3)

### TOTAL CREDITS 12

## Careers of Program Graduates

Career paths of graduates of the Environmental Studies program include holistic health practitioner, organic farmer, preschool teacher, operations manager of a gardening company, landscaper, not-for-profit organization director, artist, environmental educator, art teacher, interior designer, writer/editor, storm water coordinator for local government, and wilderness guide.

## Environmental Studies Ranked Faculty

Jeanine M. Canty, PhD

Director, School of Natural and Social Sciences

BA, Colgate University; MA, Prescott College; PhD, California Institute of Integral Studies.

Education, awareness, and transformation are revered processes for Jeanine. Her work addresses the ecological crisis through critical thinking, unraveling of worldviews, connecting with all of life, and changing our practices to be aligned with ecologically healthy modes of being. Her areas of passion include ecopsychology, consciousness, transformative learning, environmental and social justice, and cultural studies. She is interested in the process individuals go through to reach heightened awareness of environmental and social justice. Jeanine is involved with multiple social justice and consciousness-based organizations. Much of her understanding has come through her experience as an African American woman living in privileged communities.

Sherry Ellms, MA

BA, University of California, Los Angeles; MA, Naropa University.

Sherry Ellms teaches a variety of contemplative practices and facilitates earth-based experiences and their application to leadership, Earth stewardship, and personal sustainability. She leads wilderness solos and other nature-based programs that facilitate a deep connection with the power and insight of the natural world. For the past twenty-five years, she has been conducting retreats and teaching meditation in secular settings such as Outward Bound, as well as in spiritual settings throughout the country. She teaches an online course, *Meditation for Social Change Leaders*, in the MA in Transpersonal Psychology: Ecopsychology program. Sherry is a longtime meditation practitioner and student of the university's founder, Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche. In addition to her contemplative scholarship, she served as Naropa University's dean of students for twelve

years. She has studied with Joanna Macy and trained at the School of Lost Borders and is committed to investigating the interdependence of landscape and the psyche and facilitating activities that transform human consciousness.

Anne Zonne Parker, PhD

BS, University of California, Berkeley; MA, Indiana University; MA, University of Oregon; PhD, University of Oregon.

Anne Parker has lived, traveled, and studied extensively throughout the Himalayas and Central Australia. Before coming to Naropa, she taught geography and international studies at the University of Oregon, was the program director at Interface in Boston and directed the national Buddhist organization the Dzogchen Foundation. She has received Fulbright and NSF grants for her work on traditional agriculture in Bhutan, Nepal, and India. Anne led wilderness expeditions for many years with the Sierra Club and Marble Mountain Expeditions, and she leads pilgrimages in Tibet, Bhutan, and the Himalayan region. Anne has studied and practiced for more than thirty years in the Tibetan Buddhist tradition. In addition, she has devoted the last six years to extensive study in European earth-based traditions of wicca, druidry, and the art of geomancy. She currently consults and teaches in the European tradition of the Master Builders in the Boulder area and via her website [www.latitudewithattitude.com](http://www.latitudewithattitude.com). Her new book, *Stories from the Origin*, a series of stories from her life in Australian aboriginal communities, is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). She teaches innovative classes in physical and cultural geography in Naropa University's BA in Environmental Studies program. In the MA in Environmental Leadership program, she teaches leadership skills, the new science, applied leadership, and a wilderness solo course. She is passionate about serving life and renewing our connection and deep reverence for the Earth.

## Adjunct Faculty

Paul Aldretti, Amy Atkins, Silas Binkley, Jane Bunin, Richard Dart, Thomas Doerr, Douglas Dupler, Jason Gerhardt, Nancy Jane, Marco Lam

## Declaring a Major in Environmental Studies

Most students enter Naropa University as first-year students and declare a major after completing 30 credits. In addition to adhering to university requirements and deadlines, a major in Environmental Studies requires

- a meeting with an Environmental Studies faculty member;
- successful completion of ENV100, Physical Geography, and ENV245, Geography: Pilgrimage and Sacred Landscape, with a minimum grade of "B-."

## BA in Environmental Studies Admission Requirements Campus Tours

Prospective students are strongly encouraged to visit Naropa University. There are events scheduled every fall and spring for prospective students. See [www.naropa.edu/admissions/ugrad\\_events.cfm](http://www.naropa.edu/admissions/ugrad_events.cfm) for more information. The visitation coordinator will be happy to arrange for you to meet with an admissions counselor or a member of our faculty, visit a class or take a campus tour. Arapahoe Campus tours are offered Monday through Friday at 2 p.m. in the main lobby of the Administration Building. The visitation coordinator can be contacted at 303-546-3548 or 1-800-772-6951 (within North America) or by email at [admissionevents@naropa.edu](mailto:admissionevents@naropa.edu). You can also use the online Visitation Request form or you may view our campus from the online tour.

## Priority Deadlines

Naropa University uses a rolling admission policy. Applicants may apply as early as September for summer and fall admission. Applications received between September 1 and the priority deadline will be given equal consideration. Applications received after the priority deadline will be reviewed on a space-available basis.

- January 15 for fall semester admission
- October 15 for spring semester admission

Please contact the Office of Admissions at 303-546-3572 or 1-800-772-6951 (within North America) for more information.

### **Application Requirements**

There are three ways of applying to Naropa University:

1. Apply online at [www.naropa.edu/apply](http://www.naropa.edu/apply) or [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org).
2. Download the Naropa undergraduate application form at [www.naropa.edu/ugradapply](http://www.naropa.edu/ugradapply).
3. Request that an application be sent to you in the mail.

To apply for admission to the Environmental Studies major, the following is required:

1. Parts A and B of application form.
2. \$50 nonrefundable fee in the form of a check or money order, payable to "Naropa University." Applicant's name must be clearly indicated on the check.
3. Part C of the application form—three essays (all must be typed).
4. Official college transcript for every university attended (must be sent in a sealed envelope from the registrar), showing proof of 30 semester credits.
5. Letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor. If you have been out of school for more than three years, please request a letter of recommendation from a supervisor. This letter must be on or attached to the form provided.
6. A phone or in-person interview.

If you have fewer than 30 semester credits, you must apply to Naropa University as an undeclared student. See [www.naropa.edu/ugradapply](http://www.naropa.edu/ugradapply) for specific admission requirements. If you have 30 or more semester credits, you may apply directly to the major.