

How do I get more information on becoming an ENTS concentrator?

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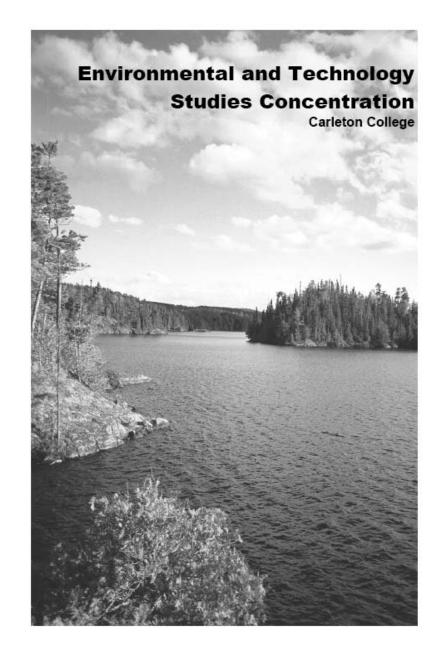
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For more detailed written information, consult the college catalog, the schedule of classes, and the ENTS Program's web pages at http://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/

Carleton College Environmental Statement of Principles

"Carleton College recognizes that it exists as part of interconnected communities that are impacted by personal and institutional choices. We are dedicated to investigating and promoting awareness of the current and future impacts of our actions in order to foster responsibility for these human and natural communities. Carleton strives to be a model of stewardship for the environment by incorporating ideals of sustainability into the operations of the college and the daily life of individuals."

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What is the Environmental and Technology Studies concentration?

The Environmental and Technology Studies (ENTS) Program grew out of the conviction that the College has a responsibility to prepare students to respond to the grave threats posed to natural ecosystems by patterns of human development. In the search for just and sustainable environmental solutions, ENTS brings faculty and students together from a broad range of academic departments and backgrounds to address scientific, economic, social, political, historical, and aesthetic dimensions. The truly integrated, interdisciplinary commitment emphasizes not only critical thinking, but also hands-on laboratory and field research reaching across all divisions of Carleton College. It values and facilitates opportunities for research projects, internships, and other work experiences within the Northfield community as well as through off-campus studies.

Who should consider the ENTS concentration?

The ENTS concentration welcomes students from all majors. You might participate in ENTS to prepare for graduate school or a career in environmental science or public policy. Perhaps you want to use your musical, artistic, or literary talents to focus public attention on ethical or philosophical issues concerning the environment. Or, you might want to concentrate in ENTS because you believe understanding environmental problems is essential to becoming an informed world citizen. The flexible ENTS framework helps give focus to your academic and personal pursuits and involves you in a network of people with similar interests.

What are the requirements to become an ENTS concentrator and courses offered in 2005-06 that fulfill those requirements?

- One project-based introductory course: Project-based courses are ENTS 110, GEOL 120, or BIOL 190
- Six courses in the following four categories, with <u>at least one from each category</u>:
 - Science: ENTS 100, BIOL 112, BIOL 160, BIOL 221/2, GEOL 258, BIOL 275, BIOL 283/4, GEOL 283/4
 - Ethics and Values: PHIL 242, RELG 243, POSC 257
 - Arts and Culture: GERM 100, ARTS 113, ENTS 228, ENGL 234, PHIL 234, SOAN 234, ENGL 236, ENGL 237, HIST 283
 - > Society and Policy: SOAN 234, SOAN 244, POSC 268

- Among the courses taken, at least one must be a lab course: Lab courses include GEOL 120, BIOL 221/2, GEOL 258
- Among the courses taken, at least one must primarily have an international perspective: These courses include SOAN 234, POSC 268
- Junior colloquium (one term of ENTS 298 at 3 credits) and Senior capstone (one term of ENTS 398 at 1 credit and one term of ENTS 399 at 2-5 credits)
- No more than three 100-level courses will be counted towards the concentration.

What else goes on at Carleton for ENTS concentrators?

Every term ENTS sponsors a number of lectures and other activities, often involving visiting scholars and environmental professionals; every year ENTS organizes Earth Day events and speakers. ENTS also maintains e-mail distribution lists to pass on information about relevant events and opportunities, both academic and activist in nature, including the activities of related campus organizations such as Students Organized to Protect the Environment (SOPE), Carleton Association of Nature and Outdoor Enthusiasts (CANOE), Minnesota Public Research Interest Group (MPIRG) and special residential groups such as Green House, Farm House, Canoe House, and Parr House. You can also drop by the ENTS lounge to peruse reading materials and meet other concentrators and faculty. ENTS also sponsors a number of summer internship and fellowship opportunities for interested students. In the past students have interned with organizations ranging from the Audubon Society to Friends of the Earth, while fellowship recipients have studied issues such as the effects of toxic chemical pollution upon a local watershed in northern Massachusetts to visiting and studying the operation of eco-villages around the country. Students interested in pursuing such projects and internships are encouraged to apply for funding each spring. Not to forget: The 800-acre Cowling Arboretum and the McKnight Prairie are significant local ecological resources for not only course work, but personal exploration, as well.