What Can I Do With a Degree In Environmental Studies?

What skills have been associated with Environmental Studies majors?

- Identifying solutions to environment and development issues, using planning, analysis, modeling, and new approaches
- Advanced critical thinking, logical reasoning, problem-solving and decision-making
- Technical skills in quantitative methods
- Fieldwork techniques
- Accurately follow laboratory protocols, utilize and maintain lab equipment
- Use computer programs and statistical applications to manipulate and display data, create graphs to visually represent information
- Interdisciplinary research and knowledge of natural resources and environmental issues
- Designing and implementing of environmental impact assessment and monitoring
- Researching, analyzing of data, summarizing and reporting of results orally and in writing
- Reading and comprehending scientific journals, articles, and web-based materials
- Comply with quality control procedures and safety regulations while conducting scientific experimentation

Note: This is not an exhaustive list and some of these careers require further education and/or training/designations or experience.
What potential work settings could I consider?

- Scientific or Research Foundations
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Environmental Research Laboratories
- Agricultural or Environmental Consulting Firms
- Federal, Provincial, Municipal Government Agencies
- National or Provincial Parks
- Hazardous Waste Management or Private Waste Management Firms
- Water Treatment Plants
- Post-Secondary Institutions
- Engineering or Law Firms
- Real Estate Companies or Real Estate Development Businesses
- Utility Companies
- Wildlife Companies
- Tourism Agencies
- Marine Sports Facilities or Fishing Companies
- Large Corporations
- Land Trust Organizations
- Market Research Companies

What professional associations/memberships/affiliations are related to EVSC majors?

- Environmental Studies Association of Canada
  www.thegreenpages.ca/esac/
- Environmental Careers Organization
  www.eco.ca
- Canadian Network for Environmental Education
  www.eecom.org
- Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists (CCTT)
  www.cctt.ca
- Young Environmental Professionals of Canada (YPEP)
  www.yepcanada.ca
- College of Applied Biology of BC
  www.cab-bc.org
- The BC Environmental Network
  www.ecobc.org
- Connecting Environmental Professionals
  www.cepvancouver.org/wp

What are some of the on-campus resources available?

- Work Integrated Learning
  www.sfu.ca/wil
- Career Services
  www.sfu.ca/career
  778.782.5382 | bbadgero@sfu.ca
- Co-operative Education
  www.sfu.ca/coop/
  778.782.3115 | degrace@sfu.ca
- Volunteer Services
  www.sfu.ca/volunteer
  www.sfu.ca/vsc
  778.782.9396 | envadv@sfu.ca
- Faculty of Environment
  www.fenv.sfu.ca
- Department of Environmental Science
  www.sfu.ca/evsc
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  778.782.3106 | envadv@sfu.ca
- Environmental Science Student Union
  www.sfu.ca/~evscu

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