

What about a major in...?

## Biology, Society, and Environment (B.A.)

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### What is Biology, Society, and Environment?

Students in the program receive comprehensive training in biology combined with an in-depth examination of the relevance of biology to social and environmental problems. Students complete coursework in the biological sciences, social sciences, and the humanities. BSE is an excellent preparation for graduate school, law school, and professional health science programs such as Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Public Health. Students may also use this degree to seek employment after college in a wide variety of areas, including scientific research, government, business, education, and the environment.

### What are the major requirements?

Go to [www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html](http://www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html) and select "Undergraduate majors."

### How do I declare a Biology, Society, and Environment major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant, to learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. When you decide upon a Biology, Society, and Environment major, meet with the Director of Undergraduate Studies to complete a Major Program form.
3. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.
4. If you decide to change your major, contact your CLA student community for information on the new major's declaration process.

### What can I do with a major in Biology, Society, and Environment?

#### Skills

Biology, Society, and Environment majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers. These skills include:

- Knowledge of biology, appropriate lab techniques, and broad science knowledge
- Problem-solving skills
- Critical and analytical thinking skills
- Attention to detail
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team

#### Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- Science—research, environmental analysis, quality control, product development positions
- Health Care (some positions require education beyond the bachelor's degree)—medicine, pharmacy, health technician, nursing, toxicology, dentistry, veterinary medicine
- Communication—technical writers

### For more information:

#### About the Biology, Society, and Environment major:

Undergraduate Advising  
408 Social Science  
(612) 625-0133  
<http://hns.class.umn.edu/>

#### About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:

CLA Health and Natural Sciences Student Community  
B-18 Johnston Hall  
(612) 624-6044  
<http://hns.class.umn.edu>

or

CLA Martin Luther King, Jr. Program  
19 Johnston Hall  
(612) 625-2300  
<http://www.class.umn.edu/mlk/>  
[mlk@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:mlk@class.cla.umn.edu)

#### About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:

Career and Community Learning Center  
135 Johnston Hall  
(612) 624-7577  
[www.cclc.umn.edu](http://www.cclc.umn.edu)  
[cclc@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:cclc@class.cla.umn.edu)

#### About graduation with honors:

Honors-CLA  
20 Nicholson  
(612) 624-5522  
[www.cla.umn.edu/honors/](http://www.cla.umn.edu/honors/)  
[honors@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:honors@class.cla.umn.edu)

- Government—public information, campaigns, research, public office, federal programs
- Business—marketing, human resources, sales, consulting, recruiting
- Education—teaching, research, student affairs

Today's workplace requires individuals with interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate effectively, an ability to solve problems, and adaptability. CLA graduates find that they are well-prepared in all these areas and that their education—especially when combined with experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, past jobs, and other collegiate involvement—makes them competitive.

The Career & Community Learning Center provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

## **Remember!**

You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program form with your major adviser,
- filed a copy with the major department,
- and filed a copy with your CLA student community.

Don't forget: keep a copy for yourself!