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ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

ABOUT MY MAJOR

I'm an Environmental Resource Management major. It's half geography and half environmental science, because it's interdisciplinary. On the Environmental Science side, I learn about earth systems, how and why things are happening on the science side of things. On the Geography side, I learn about how it affects the people and cultures.

CHOOSING MY MAJOR

I had one of those literally in the shower epiphanies one day. I was using my plastic conditioner bottle and my plastic shampoo bottle and I thought "Wow! I use a lot of plastic."

People use a ton of plastic, even though we know it's super bad, so that's what initially inspired me to do something earth-related and sustainability-related. It has opened a lot of doorways into other things that I'm interested in, because there's a lot of different avenues that you can explore with environmental sustainability. People can work on air quality, water quality, focus on plastics, or even environmental law. There's just a ton of different stuff that you can do with it.

MINORS & CERTIFICATES

I have an Earth Science minor that overlaps a lot with Environmental Science and a Geography minor. I'm also getting the Geographic Information Systems certificate. This certificate is the technical computer side where we make maps, overlay data, and map out problems so we can communicate them to people. I think if you're studying Geography it's a no brainer to do them both, because that's just such a useful skill. Finally, I have a Sustainability certificate, which I only had to take one extra class for.

INTERNSHIPS

I worked at Geo-Tree, which is in the Department of Geography. It is geoinformatics, training, research, education, and extension. It's helpful in helping you learn more about geography. We do a lot of different mapping projects that are brought to us from local businesses, other schools, or nonprofit organizations.

CAREERS

In the future I'm hoping to get some kind of government job, maybe in environmental regulations, air quality or water quality. I also think sustainable city planning is cool and might be something I explore later. I'm planning on going to graduate school at some point.

A lot of people in my major end up working in parks management. They help to maintain national parks. Other people work in areas related to environmental science testing water, air, and land. They can also work with farmers to figure out how they can improve their agricultural practices to be more sustainable.