Environmental science at ESF is an interdisciplinary degree program that takes full advantage of its location within an environmentally focused college. The program offers students a tremendous variety of courses and faculty members to choose from, excellent facilities for research and field study, and a level of faculty expertise that is rarely found at other colleges.

The faculty members who deliver the program perform teaching, research and public service activities to promote environmental practices that will improve the lives of people within New York state and around the world.

The program's objectives are to prepare students who:

- Will engage in environmental work while employed by government agencies and industry or in private consulting jobs that specialize in public works and the inventory, management, design, use, restoration, and protection of natural and cultural resources,
- Are prepared to enter advanced academic studies involved with any of the many aspects of environmental science, and
- Will continue to develop the knowledge and skills needed to adapt to changing technological, environmental, and business conditions to the benefit of society, employer and self.