

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY

Faculty, students, and staff in the University of Wisconsin's Department of Community and Environmental Sociology are concerned with a wide array of issues from environmental degradation and globalization to sustainability and local food systems. The faculty is made up of an interdisciplinary group trained in fields ranging from sociology to science and technology studies and environmental studies. We are an engaged group whose work, while theoretically informed, is often directed at intervening in and affecting real-life situations. The issues discussed in Community and Environmental Sociology classes can also be applied outside of the classroom.

Community and Environmental Sociology majors go on to a wide variety of careers in environmental conservation, community and international development, food systems, law, public policy, sociology, and public health – in the private, public, and non-profit sectors. Alumni hold positions as directors, managers, administrators, policymakers, data analysts, planners, consultants, researchers, teachers, health care workers, and civil servants. The program also provides excellent preparation for graduate school.

The Department of Community and Environmental Sociology is also home to the undergraduate Food Systems Certificate, which assembles an interdisciplinary program of study, that explored the social, economic, and environmental outcomes of different patterns of food production, processing, distribution, and consumption.