AT SOUTHERN NAZARENE UNIVERSITY, WE DON'T JUST BELIEVE IN YOUR DREAMS. WE EQUIP YOU WITH THE BEST EDUCATION WHICH GIVES YOU THE CONFIDENCE TO MAKE YOUR DREAMS A REALITY.

We know you are selecting a college for more than just its location or school colors. You want to go somewhere that will prepare you for the future. Your future.

At Southern Nazarene University, we want that for you too. That is why we work hard to make sure our degrees are supported by a rigorous and comprehensive curriculum.

We hire highly-qualified faculty who not only know the ins and outs of the profession you seek, but who truly wish to see you succeed individually. And we make sure you leave SNU prepared for a great job in Environmental Studies. That's why we can encourage you to not just dream, but to dream with confidence.

WITH UNIQUE PROGRAMS
As a student of SNU's environmental studies program you will have the opportunity to learn from experts in various disciplines about tropical ecology and sustainability in the field. In addition to a science core, you will take courses that cover current topic items.

Environmental sustainability. Environmental health. These courses focus on two pieces of environmental studies. Your role in the environment. How the environment physically affects us. Your knowledge and understanding of the concepts will grow throughout your time at SNU.

WITH UNIQUE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
At SNU we know you need more than just classroom lectures to learn. That's why we create unique environments to take your education to the next level.

Consider spending a semester abroad in Costa Rica where you can take several courses ranging from tropical ecology to global stewardship. You will be able to work at the Quetzal Education Research Center in the heart of Costa Rica. The QERC is in tropical montane cloud forest, high in the Talamanca Mountains. Students who attend the QERC spring program will enjoy time spent hiking on the over 20 miles of trails and exploring the nearly 1,000 acres of preserve. While at QERC, students will study ecology and gain hands-on experience in the field. Also, students attending QERC will work alongside experts in field biology while conducting their own independent research. A rare opportunity to find at a private university.

In addition to the QERC, SNU also offers majors the opportunity to participate in the Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies. Au Sable offers summer and intersession field courses in the Great Lakes and Pacific Northwest regions that range from field botany to marine biology. While studying at Au Sable, students will work alongside experts in field science.
WITH HIGHLY-QUALIFIED PROFESSORS
Your professors here are more than just qualified to teach. They are experts in the field of environmental science. Imagine learning from a professor with years of experience working for and with the Environmental Protection Agency on various projects. Projects related to groundwater monitoring and drinking water quality. And on a project characterizing microbial communities present in soil samples taken from remediation sites. Our professors don’t just know environmental sciences, they have first hand work experience within the field.

WITH PREPARATION FOR AFTER GRADUATION
Our number one goal at SNU is to set you up for success after graduation. With an environmental studies major you have a variety of options for your future career path. Some of our graduates go on to graduate school where they continue in various fields of study. Ecology. Sustainability. Environmental science. Public health. You may also chose to go right into a related career field. Environmental testing. Environmental monitoring. Private or government facility lab technician.

Meet Collin Whitesett, an SNU Environmental Studies graduate who is currently working at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute assisting a PhD Student from Arizona State University on his research. “He is studying warning coloration in Heliconius butterflies and attempting to determine if certain warning colors are used by different species of butterflies depending on the microhabitat within the forest those butterflies most often frequent. A ton of work has been done on Heliconius butterflies genetically; this research focuses more on the behavior of the butterflies but it complements the work of geneticists,” says Whitesett who has had the opportunity to travel to Florida, Michigan, Washington, and all over Costa Rica for College Credit. “I’m now working in Panama. I’ve made friends in all these different places, and I’ve had some absolutely unforgettable experiences.”

“SNU has been great in two regards,” says Whitesett. “One, SNU has QERC, its very own field station in a truly exceptional part of Costa Rica, and two, SNU is affiliated with the Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies, a Christian institution that offers excellent summer courses in ecology and environmental stewardship. The semester I spent in Costa Rica and the classes I took at Au Sable have been the bread and butter of my academic (and experiential) understanding of the natural world.”

If a dream is a blueprint of a goal not yet achieved, at SNU we partner with you to focus your efforts to attain whatever it is you hope to accomplish. Thus, we say DREAM WITH CONFIDENCE.