Are you interested in economics and the environment?

Would you like a career using economics to protect and improve the environment?

Graduates work on:

- Parks, Recreation, & Tourism
- Public Land and Water
- Agriculture, Forest, Fish, & Wildlife
- Conventional and Renewable Energy
- Green Growth & Sustainable Development
- Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

Colorado is an ideal natural laboratory to learn how economics is used in natural resource and environmental issues here and around the world. It is home to the headwaters of major US rivers, has majestic natural forests, parks and protected land, and features 53 mountain peaks over 14,000 feet. Colorado is a place where agriculture, logging, mining and energy coexist with hikers, skiers, mountain bikers, hunters, photographers and a growing population. There is no better setting to study environmental and natural resource economics issues.
Majors in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics take economics courses, like those listed below, that are taught by professors renowned for their accomplishments in teaching and practical experience in the field.

Issues in Environmental Economics (AREC 240) - Learn how core economic principles drive the behavior that underlies environmental issues and their solutions, while reviewing interesting applications.

Economics of Natural Economics (AREC 340) - Be introduced to economic models to improve the management of renewable and nonrenewable natural resources.

Environmental Economics (AREC 341) - Learn how to identify the value of environmental goods and services, such as habitat protection, air quality, and outdoor recreation, and develop economic tools for their protection.

Water Law, Policy, and Institutions (AREC 342) - Gain an understanding of the laws and policies that govern water allocation and its impact on communities in Colorado and throughout the United States.

Economics of Outdoor Recreation (AREC 346) - Assess how economic valuation can be used to understand tradeoffs in the provision of outdoor recreation opportunities and how recreation and tourism impact local economies.

Advanced Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (AREC 440) - Integrate a broad set of economic tools to develop solutions for challenging issues related to land stewardship, the use of water resources, as well as climate and energy management.

Agriculture and Resource-based Economics Development (AREC 460) - Discuss global and local challenges surrounding hunger and poverty, and the drivers of sustainable natural resource-based economic development.