The School of Integrative Studies (SoIS) seeks to develop creative, intellectually-engaged, and ethical problem-solvers through inquiry and action for social justice and the public good. We believe that to be successful in today's society, you need interdisciplinary knowledge, skills, and experience that prepare you for leadership in an increasingly complex world. Considering issues from multiple perspectives, learning to thrive in cross-cultural contexts, and linking ideas to action are among the integrative experiences that you can expect from an SoIS program.

All SoIS programs emphasize learning from a variety of disciplinary perspectives, participation in meaningful and informed community action, and exploration of significant ethical issues in society. You will study current, important issues that matter to you and will develop the ability to link your learning to these issues through hands-on experiences.
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
The Environmental Studies program allows you to pursue a broad, interdisciplinary view of current environmental issues. You combine coursework, research, and community involvement to gain the perspective and experience necessary to work toward a sustainable future. You combine this minor with majors programs across campus; including art, biology, business, economics, education, political science, and nursing. The Environmental Studies minor prepares you for meaningful, collaborative work in teaching, research, consultation, writing, and activism.

ETHNIC STUDIES
Our major or minor program integrates multiple perspectives and disciplines to study the historical and contemporary experiences of African American, Latino American, Asian and Pacific American, and Native American peoples and other historically marginalized racial and ethnic groups in the United States within a global and postcolonial context. Our curriculum promotes critical thinking, creative analysis, and civic engagement by examining issues of race and ethnicity as they intersect with class, gender, sexuality, religion, and nation.

GLOBAL STUDIES
The Center for Global Education offers a minor in Global Studies, an interdisciplinary program about diverse cultures, global issues, and other languages. It gives you the tools to become engaged citizens in the global community. This minor adds an international perspective to any major. We also offer programs for students planning to study abroad, to take classes in another country while earning Edgewood College credit. Whether your future plans include employment or graduate school, global studies and study abroad will improve your options.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES
The Latin American Studies Minor offers you the opportunity for an interdisciplinary study of the social, cultural, political, and economic traditions and contemporary realities of Latin America. You develop broad knowledge through courses offered in several disciplines, as well as language training. The minor is appropriate for students in any major who want a complementary concentration in the region. It provides excellent preparation for professional careers, graduate studies, and personal enrichment.

WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES
Students in this interdisciplinary program study the history, experiences, and contributions of women to various fields of learning, feminist theoretical perspectives, and the critical role of gender in human life. Women’s and Gender Studies minors often become professionals in health, law, business, human services, education, and government who are more prepared to work with diverse individuals and better understand issues of prejudice, racism, and gender oppression.

For a complete list of courses and course descriptions, please visit EDGEWOOD.EDU/CATALOG