The School of the Environment trains primarily graduate and professional school students to solve worldwide environmental problems and to provide new understanding of local and global environments through interdisciplinary research in the natural and social sciences. The School offers numerous courses to undergraduates in Environmental Studies, and undergraduates from any major can take courses in the School. Those undergraduates with significant interest should contact the School’s undergraduate program adviser to discuss a joint degree program that allows Yale College students to earn both a bachelor’s degree from Yale College and an M.E.M. from the School of the Environment in five years. For more information on the joint program, see the School website. Most graduate-level courses are open to qualified undergraduates. Listings and detailed descriptions of these courses are available in the bulletin of the School of the Environment, and most also appear in the online bulletin of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Information about the programs of the School of the Environment may be found on the School website. Most lectures and symposia are open to undergraduates, and a calendar of events is also posted on the School website.

The Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies (F&ES), Yale's environment school, is predominantly a graduate and professional program for those seeking master's and doctoral degrees in environmental management and environmental science. However, it also offers a number of courses open to undergraduates, including many that count toward the Environmental Studies major. The school's faculty conduct research on environmental and natural resource management problems and questions across a diversity of scales.

A number of courses are offered specifically for undergraduates and are listed in Yale Course Search. Qualified undergraduates may pursue a combined bachelor's and master's degree in five years through the school; interested students apply during the fall term of the senior year, or in the two admission cycles following their graduation. Students should consult with the F&ES Admissions Office during their sophomore or junior year to adequately prepare for the combined program.