THE GREEN CLUSTER

The GREEN CLUSTER is part of Colby’s Integrated Studies Program, in which first-year students explore a topic in great depth and through multiple lenses, working closely with a small group of fellow students and a team of three faculty members in small, seminar-style classes. GREEN CLUSTER students take Biodiversity, Environmental Activism, and Philosophy and the Environment. These courses can count toward the Environmental Science and Environmental Policy majors.

WHAT STUDENTS SAY ABOUT THE GREEN CLUSTER

“I could not have asked for a better academic opportunity my first semester at Colby. The Green Cluster not only made me feel immediately connected to a smaller group of students, whom I got to know through group projects and in-depth discussions, but it also allowed me to delve deeper into my passion for environmentalism [and provided] a valuable introduction to the field of Environmental Studies.”

“Freshman year can be difficult to navigate in a variety of ways, but with the Green Cluster I had a solid group of students working together on reports and projects that were both interesting and challenging. Now four years later, I am still learning with some of those same people and it's still fun!”

“The community experienced through taking three classes with the same students and professors was a fabulous start to my time at Colby, and is a unique opportunity to begin your environmental journey on campus.”

“The Green Cluster was an awesome way to explore a field I am interested in and to form strong friendships.”
“The Green Cluster gave me firsthand insight into the nuts & bolts of activism, showing me that I could create change and giving me the chance to put what I'd learned into practice with other students.”

“Coming into Colby, I was pretty sure I wanted to major in Environmental Studies, but the Green Cluster solidified it for me. I became close with many of the professors whom I’d have again throughout my Colby career and some of my closest friends are other [students from the Cluster].”

“The Green Cluster ... gave me the skills and means to start an environmental activism club on campus.”

“The Green Cluster ... dives head first into the liberal arts experience. Small class sizes and correlating curriculum in an intimate environment is memorable.”