

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

As an interdisciplinary area of study, many Environmental Studies Major Field of Study Requirements also fulfill General Education requirements. By carefully selecting courses, most students have enough available open elective credits to fulfill a Minor Field of Study.

Students must earn a grade of "C-" or better in all Core Requirements and Restricted Electives.

Students must earn a minimum of 120 credits, including at least 30 upper-division credits within the Core Requirements and/or Restricted Electives. Overall, students must earn at least 36 upper-division credits.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| General Education Requirements (https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements) ¹ | | 31 |

Students should consult with an academic advisor before registering for General Education courses in order to maximize the number of elective credits allowed in the degree.

Environmental Studies Core Requirements

The Environmental Studies major requires 48 total credits of Core Requirements. Of those 48, 17 Core Required credits also serve as the General Education requirements. They are listed below.

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| Any approved Physical Science course from the Gen Ed listings ² | 3 |
| Select one of the following: | 4 |
| BIOB 101 Discover Biology & BIOB 102 and Discover Biology Lab | |
| BIOB 160 Principles of Living Systems & BIOB 161 and Principles Living Systems Lab | |
| ECNS 201 Principles of Microeconomics | 3 |
| GPHY 121 Human Geography | 3 |
| STAT 216 Introduction to Statistics | 4 |
| Subtotal | 17 |

Additional Environmental Studies Core Requirements

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| Physical Science lab ² | 1 |
| Select one additional (second) writing course from the following: ³ | 3 |
| WRIT 121 Intro to Technical Writing * | |
| WRIT 201 College Writing II * | |
| WRIT 221 Intermediate Tech Writing * | |
| BIOE 202 Intro to Environmental Ecology | 3 |
| ENST 210 Intro to Environmental Studies | 3 |
| ENST 385 Envir Impact & Policy Analysis | 3 |
| ENST 494 Seminar/Workshop (any topic) | 3 |
| ENST 498 Internship/Cooperative Educ | 3 |
| ENST 499 Senior Thesis/Capstone | 3 |
| GPHY 282 Mapping Techniques | 3 |
| HSTA 470 American Environmental History | 3 |
| PHL 324 Nature, Culture, Ethics | 3 |
| Subtotal | 31 |

Restricted Electives

Area 1: Biological & Physical Sciences

Select one course/lab combination from the following: 4

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| GEO 211 Earth History & Evolution & GEO 212 and Earth History & Evolution Lab | |
| GPHY 111 Intro to Physical Geography & GPHY 112 and Intro to Phys Geography Lab * | |

Area 2: Society & Environment

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| Select two courses from the following: | 6 |
| ARTH 439 American Indian Art | |
| ARTH 455 Art & the Environment | |
| CRWR 312 Intern Nonfiction Workshop | |
| ENST 335 The Environmental Vision | |
| ENST 494 Seminar/Workshop | |
| GPHY 440 Geography of Montana | |
| HSTR 336 Modern Latin America | |
| NASX 340/ LIT 305 Native American Literature | |
| NASX 350 Native Americans & Environment | |
| SOCI 355 Population and Society | |
| SOCI 380 Soc of Health and Medicine | |
| SOCI 461 Urban Society & Human Ecology | |
| SOCI 470 Environmental Sociology | |

Other options, such as 494 Seminars in Eco-Feminism or Water Policies of the Western U.S., must be approved by the Chairperson of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies.

Area 3: Environmental Policies

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| Select one course from the following: | 3 |
| BGEN 440 Business and the Environment | |
| ENST 382 Environmental Law | |
| GPHY 460 Urban Policy and Development | |
| PSCI 458 Urban and Regional Planning | |

Other options, such as 494 Seminars in Environmental Policies Making, must be approved by the Chairperson of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies.

Area 4: Environmental Studies Career Focus

Consider need for upper-division coursework. Select any additional science course, and/or any additional courses from those in Restricted Elective Areas 2 & 3. 9

Language Requirement

In Bachelor of Arts degrees requiring foreign language, the language requirement is satisfied by demonstrating proficiency in a language other than English equivalent to satisfactory completion of two semesters of college-level work in that language. Many students use Foreign Language credits to complete this requirement; however, options are available for students fluent in non-English languages, including Native American languages. 8

Electives 29-30

Any other college-level credits, including credits toward Minor Field of Study, area of career interest, and/or necessary prerequisite courses. A minor area of study is not required, but strongly encouraged.

Total Minimum Credits 120

* May satisfy General Education requirements.

¹ The following General Education courses also satisfy requirements in the major: STAT 216, BIOB 101/BIOB 102 or BIOB 160/BIOB 161, any approved physical science course from the Gen Ed listing, ECNS 201, and GPHY 121.

² The Physical Science lab course is required, but not counted in Gen Ed.

³ Additional writing course is a prerequisite for ENST 210.

Certain courses in this program have prerequisites; students should check the course descriptions for required prerequisites.