

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, BA

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Degree: Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Major: Environmental Studies

Program Overview

Environmental Studies is a multidisciplinary program that introduces students to the societal determinants and implications of environmental problems. The program emphasizes the moral, cultural, and political dimensions of environmental problems and solutions as well as scientific understanding of the environment, bringing to bear the issues and methods of the humanities and social sciences as well as those of the sciences and the professions. The program is designed to serve the needs of students seeking a liberal education or a broad intellectual base for more technical training in environmental sciences. Students can pursue a major or a minor in environmental studies.

Undergraduate Policies

For undergraduate policies and procedures, please review the Office of Undergraduate Studies section of the General Bulletin.

Accelerated Master's Programs

Undergraduate students may participate in accelerated programs toward graduate or professional degrees. For more information and details of the policies and procedures related to accelerated studies, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Studies section of the General Bulletin.

Program Faculty

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Program Requirements

This program is available only as a second major for a BA degree; as a secondary major for a student completing a BS degree; or as the sole major for a BA degree if a student is also completing a BS degree, in which case the student must meet the general requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences in addition to the general requirements associated with the BS degree.

The Environmental Studies Program offers a major (30 credit hours) leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree. However, it may be elected only as a second or secondary major. The double major is required so that the program's multidisciplinary perspective will be complemented by a concentrated disciplinary major. Students may apply up to six credits from required and elective courses in their first major to the Environmental Studies major. None of the required courses may be taken pass/no pass.

The required courses are:

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
ESTD 101	Introduction to Environmental Thinking	3
ESTD 398	Seminar in Environmental Studies	3
or ESTD 399	Departmental Seminar in Environmental Studies	
One course from each of the following disciplinary groups:		
Humanities		3
RLGN 206	Religion and Ecology	
ESTD 318	People and Planet	
HSTY 378	North American Environmental History	
Social Science		3
ESTD 303	Environmental Law	
ECON 368	Environmental Economics	
PHIL 384	Ethics and Public Policy	
ESTD 388	Politics, Policy, and the Global Environment	
Science and Engineering		3
ESTD 202	Global Environmental Problems	
ECSE 342	Introduction to Global Issues	
BIOL 351	Principles of Ecology	
Fifteen additional hours chosen in consultation with the departmental advisor. An approved Washington Study internship or summer field course may be used to satisfy part or all of the elective requirement. Courses taken to satisfy General Education Requirements of a school might also qualify as ESTD electives. All programs of study must be approved by the director.		15
Total Hours		30

If a required course is not offered, substitution of a course to fulfill the distribution requirement is possible only with permission of the program director.