

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, BACHELOR OF ARTS

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120
Major Hours: 48
Minimum Upper-Division Hours: 48
Overall GPA - Combined and OU: 2.00
Major GPA - Combined and OU: 2.00

Program Code: B406

- 48 Upper-Division Hours Required.
- Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or College of Arts & Sciences Requirements.
- A Grade of C or better must be earned in each course counted for major and major support credit.

Major Requirements

48 hours, including ENST 1013 and a faculty advisor approved capstone course chosen from: any CAS capstone for which prerequisites have been met, or Independent Study as approved by PACGEO, the MDS capstone, or an intensive relevant OSLEP course.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core		
<i>Group I - Environmental Sciences</i>		
Choose 12 hours ¹		12
<i>Group II - Environmental Humanities</i>		
Choose 12 hours ¹		12
<i>Group III - Environmental Social Sciences</i>		
ENST 1013	Consumption and the Environment	3
Choose 9 hours ¹		9
<i>Group IV - Environmentally-related Skills</i>		
Choose 12 hrs including a minimum of 3 hrs of Math and 3 hrs of Statistics ¹		12
Total Credit Hours		48

¹ Chosen from an approved course list available from the department or as approved by faculty advisor.

Major Support Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Biology		
Choose 4-5 hours ¹		4-5
Chemistry		
Choose 3-5 hours ¹		3-5
Physics		
Choose 4 hours ¹		4
Total Credit Hours		11-14

¹ Chosen from an approved course list available from the department or as approved by faculty advisor.

General Education and College Requirements

Courses graded P/NP will not apply

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College of Arts & Sciences requirements must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at <http://www.ou.edu/gened/courses>.

University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication		
<i>English Composition (6 hours)</i>		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition	3
ENGL 1213	Principles of English Composition	3
	or EXPO 1213 Expository Writing	
<i>Foreign Language (0-13 hours in the same language)</i>		
The College of Arts and Sciences requirement cannot be met by high school coursework.		
Beginning Course		0-5
Beginning Course, continued		0-5
Intermediate Course (2000 level) ^{1,2}		0-3
<i>Mathematics (3 hours)</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education Mathematics list		3
Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, including one laboratory component)		
<i>Biological Science</i>		
Choose an approved General Education Natural Science course with one of the following prefixes: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO ¹		3-4
<i>Physical Science</i>		
Choose an approved General Education Natural Science course with one of the following prefixes: AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS ¹		3-4
Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours)		
P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3
Choose one course from the General Education Social Science list		3
Core Area IV: Humanities (18 hours)		
<i>Understanding Artistic Forms</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education Artistic Forms list		3
<i>Western Civilization and Culture</i>		
HIST 1483	United States, 1492 to 1865	3
	or HIST 1493 United States, 1865 to the Present	
Choose one course from the General Education Western Civilization & Culture list ³		3
<i>Non-Western Culture</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education Non-Western Culture list		3
<i>Additional Core IV Upper-Division Humanities courses ⁴</i>		

Choose one course from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization & Culture, or Non-Western Culture ¹	3
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Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience (3 hours)	
Choose one General Education Capstone course	3
Total Credit Hours	56

¹ College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: College requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.

² One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level

³ Excluding HIST 1483 and HIST 1493

⁴ 6 upper-division hours, 2 courses, at the 3000- 4000-level. **Must be outside the major.**

Free Electives

Electives to bring total applicable hours to the minimum total required for the degree including 48 upper-division hours.

Information Concerning General Rules, Regulations and Minimum Requirements

Arts and Sciences Hours: At least 80 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BA degree. At least 55 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BS degree.

Pass/No Pass Enrollment: A maximum of 16 semester hours of free elective credit may be attempted under this option.

Individual Studies (e.g., courses titled "Independent Study"): A maximum of 12 total semester hours may be counted toward graduation, excluding Honors Reading and Honors Research.

P.E. Courses: No physical education activity courses will be counted toward the 120 semester hours of acceptable credit for graduation.

Senior Institution Hours: A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.

Residency:

- At least 15 of the final 30 hours applied toward the degree or at least 50 percent of the hours required by the institution in the major field must be satisfactorily completed at the awarding institution.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- OU correspondence courses are **not** considered resident credit.

Grade Point Averages: Students must earn a minimum over all 2.00 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA, GPA for all major courses, and GPA for all major courses taken at OU. Some schools and departments of the College have higher minimum grade point averages required for their students.

Special Degrees: Students may qualify for an Honors degree (cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, or Summa cum Laude) by completing specific requirements of the Honors College. A degree will be earned with Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.60 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA. A degree will be earned with Special Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.90 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA.

Suggested Semester Plan of Study

This plan shows one possible grouping of courses that would allow students to graduate in four years. Please refer to the front of the degree checklist for official requirements. Students must consult with College of Arts and Sciences academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Arts and Sciences, and Planned Program major requirements.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Freshman		
First Semester		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3
ENST 1013	Consumption and the Environment	3
Math (Core I) & Major Requirement Group IV		3
Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)		5
Credit Hours		14
Second Semester		
ENGL 1213	Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3
or EXPO 1213	or Expository Writing	
Physical Science Core Requirement (Core II) & Major Support Requirement ¹		4
Beginning Foreign Language continued (Core I)		5
Free Elective, lower-division		3
Credit Hours		15
Sophomore		
First Semester		
HIST 1483	United States, 1492 to 1865 (Core IV)	3
or HIST 1493	or United States, 1865 to the Present	
P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III)	3
Intermediate Foreign Language		3
Biological Science Core Requirement (Core II) & Major Support Requirement ¹		4
Chemistry Major Support Requirement		3
Credit Hours		16
Second Semester		
Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV		3
Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV		3
Non-Western Culture (Core IV)		3
Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)		3
Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)		3
Credit Hours		15
Junior		
First Semester		
Social Sciences Core Requirement (Core III) & Major Requirement, Group III		3
Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV		3
Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV		3
Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV		3
Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)		3
Credit Hours		15
Second Semester		
Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV		3
Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV		3

Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV	3
Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
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Credit Hours	15

Senior**First Semester**

Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV	3
Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV	3
Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV	3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
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Credit Hours	15

Second Semester

Capstone Major Requirement (Capstone)	3
Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV	3
Major Requirement, Group I, II, III, or IV	3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
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Credit Hours	15
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Total Credit Hours	120

¹ Courses must be chosen from the Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Major Support lists maintained by the department, and one of these courses must include a laboratory.