

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS COLLEGE OF ATMOSPHERIC AND GEOGRAPHIC SCIENCES THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Academic Year
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2025 through Spring 2026

General Requirements	
Minimum Total Credit Hours	120
Minimum Upper-Division Hours	40
Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:	
Overall - Combined and OU	2.25
Major - Combined and OU	2.25

Program
Environmental Studies
B406
Bachelor of Arts

OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in 4 years.

GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and Dodge 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>. **Courses graded P/NP will not apply.**

UNIVERSITY-WIDE GENERAL EDUCATION (MINIMUM 40 HOURS) AND COLLEGE 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>Language (0-13 hours in the same language)</i>		
The college 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: Arts and Humanities (18 hours)		
<i>Artistic Forms</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education Artistic Forms list		
		3
<i>Western Culture</i>		
HIST 1483	United States to 1865	3
or HIST 1493	United States, 1865 to the Present	
Choose one course from the General Education Western Culture list (excluding HIST 1483/1493)		
		3
<i>World Culture</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education World Culture list		
		3
<i>Additional Core IV Upper-Division Arts & Humanities courses</i>		
Choose one course from Artistic Forms, Western Culture, or World Culture ^{1,3}		
		3
Choose one course from Artistic Forms, Western Culture, or World Culture ^{1,3}		
		3
Core Area V: First Year Experience (3 hours)		
Choose one 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 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.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

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

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core		
ENST 2813	Environmental Studies Cornerstone	3
ENST 3891	Environmental Studies Learning Community (three semesters) ¹	3
ENST 3893	Environmental Studies Research Project	3
ENST 4883	Environmental Studies Seminar	3
ENST 4893	Environmental Studies Capstone	3
Major Electives		
Group I - Interdisciplinary		
Choose two courses that span two or more disciplines ²		
		6
Group II - Single Discipline		
Choose three courses, one each from three of these four categories: ²		
		9
	Natural Sciences	
	Social Sciences	
	Humanities	
	Applied Disciplines	
Total Credit Hours		30

- ¹ ENST 3891 is taken as a corequisite with ENST 2813 and ENST 3893, and one additional semester, for a total of three semesters.
- ² Chosen from an approved course list posted by the department or as approved by faculty advisor.

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/atmospheric-geographic-sciences/geography-environmental-sustainability/environmental-studies-bachelor-arts/>).

INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS
AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Total Hours: A minimum of 120 semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed.
Upper-Division Hours: A minimum of 40 upper- division semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed. OU courses numbered 3000 or above are upper- division. Transfer work is counted as lower-division or upper-division credit depending on the level at which it was offered at the institution where it was earned. Two-year college work is accepted only as lower-division credit.
Senior Institution Hours: A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.
Residency:

- A minimum of two semesters must be spent in residence in the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences.
- At least 36 of the last 48 hours must be completed in residence at OU.

Individual Studies: No more than six hours of independent study or directed readings may be applied toward degree requirements.
Grade Point Averages: Students must earn a minimum overall 2.25 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.

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 Dodge College of Arts and Sciences academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy University, College of Arts and Sciences, and Environmental Studies major requirements.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER		Hours	SECOND SEMESTER		Hours
FRESHMAN	ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3	ENGL 1213 or EXPO 1213	Principles of English Composition (Core I) or Expository Writing	3
		Gen Ed Biological Science (Core II)	4		Gen Ed Physical Science (Core II)	4
		First Year Experience (Core V)	3		Beginning Language continued (Core I)	5
		Beginning Language (Core I)	5		Gen Ed Math (Core I)	3
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15
SOPHOMORE	ENST 2813	Environmental Studies Cornerstone	3	ENST 3893	Environmental Studies Research Project	3
	ENST 3891	Environmental Studies Learning Community	1	ENST 3891	Environmental Studies Learning Community	1
		Major Elective, Group I ¹	3		Social Sciences (Core III)	3
	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States to 1865 (Core IV) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3		World Culture (Core IV)	3
	P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III)	3		Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3
		Intermediate Language	3		Western Culture (Core IV)	3
	CREDIT HOURS		16	CREDIT HOURS		16
JUNIOR		Major Elective, Group II ²	3	ENST 3891	Environmental Studies Learning Community	1
		Major Elective, Group II ²	3		Major Elective, Group II ²	3
		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3		Arts & Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
					Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		16
SENIOR	ENST 4883	Environmental Studies Seminar	3	ENST 4893	Environmental Studies Capstone	3
		Major Elective, Group I ¹	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
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	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		12

¹ Choose two courses that span two or more disciplines from an approved course list posted by the department, or as approved by the departmental faculty advisor.
² Choose three courses, one each from three out of four categories (Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, Applied Disciplines) from an approved list of courses posted by the department, or as approved by the departmental faculty advisor.