

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

Academic Year	General Requirements	Program
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education <b>Summer 2025 through Spring 2026</b>	Minimum Total Credit Hours ..... 120 Minimum Upper-Division Hours ..... 40 <b>Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:</b> Overall - Combined and OU ..... 2.25 Major - Combined and OU ..... 2.25	<b>Environmental Studies</b>  <b>B406</b>  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.		

**Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120**  
**Minimum Upper-Division Hours: 40**

**Overall GPA - Combined and OU: 2.25**  
**Major GPA - Combined and OU: 2.25**

**Program Code: B406**

## General Education and College Requirements

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and college requirements must be from the approved General Education course lists at <http://www.ou.edu/content/gened/courses.html>. **Courses graded P/NP will not apply.**

### UNIVERSITY-WIDE GENERAL EDUCATION (MINIMUM 40 HOURS)

At least three hours of Upper-Division General Education coursework must be completed **outside the major**.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication</b>		
<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 (0-10 hours in the same language)</i>		
(0-10 hours) Students who have not completed two years of the same language in high school are required to take two college courses in the same language		
Beginning Course		0-5
Beginning Course, continued		0-5
<i>Mathematics (3 hours)</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education Mathematics list		3
<b>Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, 2 courses)</b>		
Choose two courses including one laboratory component <sup>1</sup>		7
<b>Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours)</b>		
P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3
Choose one course from the General Education Social Science list		3
<b>Core Area IV: Arts and Humanities</b>		
<i>Artistic Forms (3 hours)</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education Artistic Forms list		3
<i>Western Culture (3 hours)</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 (3 hours)</i>	
Choose one course from the General Education World Culture list	3
<b>Core Area V: First Year Experience (3 hours)</b>	
Choose one course	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>37-47</b>

## Additional College B.A. Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<i>Humanities and Social Science Electives (3 hours must be Upper-Division)</i>		
Choose one course from Arts & Humanities Gen Ed lists		3
Choose one course from the Social Science Gen Ed list		3
<b>Natural Sciences</b>		
GEOG 1114	Physical Geography	4
<b>Language</b>		
Choose one course at the intermediate level <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>13</b>

<sup>1</sup> If the student successfully places beyond the second intermediate course, the 13 hours of required language will become free electives.

## Free Electives

Electives to bring total applicable hours to the minimum total required for the degree.

## Major Requirements

- Courses required for the major may also fulfill University-Wide General Education Requirements.
- A Grade of C or better must be earned in each course counted for major credit.

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

<sup>1</sup> ENST 3891 is taken as a corequisite with ENST 2813 and ENST 3893, and one additional semester, for a total of three semesters.

<sup>2</sup> 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 College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences and/or Department of Geography academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy University, College of Atmospheric & Geographic 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
		Beginning Language (Core I)	5		General Education Natural Science with lab (Core II) <sup>1</sup>	4
		General Education Natural Science (Core II) <sup>1</sup>	3		Beginning Language continued (Core I)	5
		General Education Math (Core I) <sup>1</sup>	3		First Year Experience (Core V)	3
		<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>
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 <sup>2</sup>	3	P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3
	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States to 1865 ( Core IV ) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3		Social Sciences (Core III) <sup>1</sup>	3
	GEOG 1114	Physical Geography	4		Artistic Forms (Core IV) <sup>1</sup>	3
		Intermediate Language (College Elective)	3		Western Culture (Core IV) <sup>1</sup>	3
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>	
JUNIOR		Major Elective, Group II <sup>3</sup>	3	ENST 3891	Environmental Studies Learning Community	1
		Major Elective, Group II <sup>3</sup>	3		Major Elective, Group II <sup>3</sup>	3
		General Education Arts & Humanities Elective <sup>1</sup>	3		General Education Social Science Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
		World Culture (Core IV) <sup>1</sup>	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
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>	
SENIOR	ENST 4883	Environmental Studies Seminar	3	ENST 4893	Environmental Studies Capstone	3
		Major Elective, Group I <sup>2</sup>	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
		Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3			
		<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>

<sup>1</sup> To be chosen from the University-Wide General Education Approved Course List. Three hours of general education must be upper-division outside the major.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.