

BA in Environmental Studies

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the B.A. in Environmental Studies. To view the list of courses approved to fulfill Core 34, please visit the KU Core 34 page (<https://catalog.ku.edu/core34/>).

Freshman

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
MATH 101 (Core 34: Math and Statistics (SGE)) ^{030*}	3 MATH 365, GEOG 316, or BIOL 370 (BA Quantitative Reasoning (QR), Major Requirement) ¹	3-4
Core 34: English (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3 Core 34: English (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3
EVRN 140 or 144 (BA Lab Req, Major Requirement)	3 EVRN 142 or 145 (Major Requirement)	3
EVRN 160	1 Second area of Study / Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours	3
1st Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5 2nd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5
	15	17-18

Sophomore

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Core 34: Social and Behavior Science (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰	3 EVRN Elective 300+ (Major Requirement) ³	3
Environmental Social Science and Policy (Major Requirement) ⁶	3 Environmental Humanities and Arts (Major Requirement) ⁷	3
Core 34: Communications (SGE) ⁰²⁰	3 Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE) ⁰⁶⁰	3
Core 34: US Culture (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	3 Core 34: Natural and Physical Sciences (SGE) ⁰⁴⁰	4-5
3rd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	3 4th Semester Language, or 1st semester of Another Language (BA Second Language) ⁶	3
	15	16-17

Junior

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
EVRN Elective 300+ (Major Requirement) ³	3 EVRN Elective 300+ (Major Requirement) ³	3
Core 34: Global Culture (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	3 Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE) ⁰⁶⁰	3
EVRN 336	3 Core 34: Social and Behavior Science (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3
	15	15

Senior

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
EVRN 460 or 660 (Major Requirement) ²	3 EVRN 491, 615, 624, or 625 (Capstone)	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3 EVRN Elective 300+ (Major Requirement) ³	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3	
	15	12

Total Hours 120-122

- The B.A. degree requires an additional Quantitative Reasoning course with MATH 101 as a pre-requisite. MATH 365 fulfills this requirement as do the courses on this page (<https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/#ba-quantitative-reasoning>). BIOL 370 and GEOG 316 do not, and will require another Quantitative Reasoning course to fulfill the B.A. degree requirements.
- EVRN 460 is fall only; EVRN 142 is spring only; EVRN 660 is summer only.
- A total of 12 hours of EVRN 300+ electives are required for the major. Students are encouraged to choose courses based on an emphasis area in consultation with an advisor.
- The Environmental Studies Capstone Experience can be satisfied by EVRN 615, EVRN 491, or by completing Honors in the Environmental Studies Department which involves taking both EVRN 624 and EVRN 625.
- Hour requirements (incl. 45 jr/sr hrs) are typically met through Core 34, degree, major, second area of study and/or elective hours. Students completing the BGS with a major must choose a secondary area of study. Individual degree mapping is done in partnership with your advisor.
- Environmental Social Science and Policy Choices are: EVRN 320, EVRN 371, EVRN 384, EVRN 385, EVRN 386, EVRN 528, EVRN 537, EVRN 542, and EVRN 543.
- Environmental Humanities and Arts choices are: EVRN 306, EVRN 332, EVRN 347, EVRN 375, EVRN 377, EVRN 430, EVRN 462, EVRN 563, and EVRN 630.

Please note:

All students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are required to complete 120 total hours of which 45 hours must be at the Jr/Sr (300+) level.

*Courses with a * designate courses that are degree requirements but can also be taken to fulfill the Core34 requirement. If another course is used to fulfill the Core 34 requirement, the course listed is still required as a degree requirement.

Notes:

* - This course is a Required major course and is also part of Core 34: Systemwide General Education. If this course is not taken to fulfill the Core 34:SGE requirement, it must be taken in place of elective hours.

** - This course is a Recommended Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. This specific course is not required but is recommended by the program's faculty.

*** - This course is a Required Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. This program is approved by the Kansas Board of Regents to require this specific Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. If a student did not take this course it must be taken in addition to other degree requirements.