BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Why study environmental studies?
The KU Environmental Studies Program provides a rigorous interdisciplinary education and stimulates exchange concerning the environment from natural science, social science, and humanities perspectives.

Requirements for the B.S. Degree

General Education Requirements
In addition to degree and major requirements, all students must complete the KU Core.

Environmental Studies Prerequisite or Co-requisite Knowledge

Mathematics (0)
Majors must complete the following:
- Calculus. Satisfied by one of the following:
  - MATH 115 & MATH 116
  - MATH 121
- Statistics. Satisfied by one of the following:
  - MATH 365
  - GEOG 316
  - BIOL 570

Supporting Laboratory Science (0)
Majors must complete one of the following:
- Principles of Physical Geography and Intro Lab to in Physical Geography. Satisfied by:
  - GEOG 104 & GEOG 105
- Introduction to Geology, Honors and Geological Fundamentals Laboratory. Satisfied by:
  - GEOL 102 & GEOL 103
- Introduction to Geology and Geological Fundamentals Laboratory. Satisfied by:
  - GEOL 101 & GEOL 103
- Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry and Organic Chemistry Laboratory. Satisfied by:
  - CHEM 310 & CHEM 331
  - CHEM 330 & CHEM 331

Biology and Ecology (0)
Majors must complete the following:
- Principles of Molecular and Cellular Biology. Satisfied by:
  - BIOL 150 or BIOL 151
- Principles of Organismal Biology. Satisfied by:
  - BIOL 152

Environmental Studies Core Requirements

Environmental Studies Introduction to Science and Culture (10)
Majors must complete both of the following:
- Global Environment I: The Discovery of Environmental Change. Satisfied by one of the following:
  - EVRN 140
  - EVRN 144
- Global Environment II: The Ecology of Civilization. Satisfied by one of the following:
  - EVRN 142
  - EVRN 145

Environmental Studies Core Knowledge and Skills (12)
Majors must complete a course in each of the following areas:
- Environmental Policy Analysis. Satisfied by:
  - EVRN 320
- Environmental Law. Satisfied by:
  - EVRN 332
- Field Ecology. Satisfied by:
  - EVRN 460
- Capstone Experience. Satisfied by:
  - EVRN 615

Environmental Studies Required Electives/Options (0)
Majors must select an option or design their own. Self-designed emphases must be approved in their entirety by an environmental studies advisor and the undergraduate studies director before implementation. Each option requires 4 courses at the 300+ level.

Major Hours & Major GPA
While completing all required courses, majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

Major Hours
Satisfied by 32 hours of major courses.

Major Hours in Residence
Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the major.

Major Junior/Senior Hours
Satisfied by a minimum of 24 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.
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Major Junior/Senior Graduation GPA
Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses (300+) in the major. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F’s and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BS in Environmental Studies. To view the list of courses approved to fulfill KU Core Goals, please visit the KU Core website (http://kucore.ku.edu/courses).

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Total Hours: 122-123

1 Refer to the Degree Requirements tab for a list of courses that can fulfill this major requirement.

2 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.

3 EVRN 332 and EVRN 460 are Fall only courses. EVRN 142 and EVRN 320 are Spring only courses.

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.

The same course cannot be used to fulfill more than one KU Core Goal.

### Departmental Honors

To graduate with honors in environmental studies, an undergraduate must maintain a minimum overall grade-point average of 3.25 and 3.5 in the major. The student must also complete an individual honors research project in cooperation with a faculty mentor. This project normally represents 2 semesters of original work, the completion of 3 credit hours of EVRN 624 Independent Study, and 3 credit hours of EVRN 625 Honors Research in Environmental Studies. All 6 hours may be applied to the 12 hours of environmental studies electives required for the major. Upon completion of the research project, honors candidates are required to present the results of their work at the department’s Undergraduate Research Colloquium.