

# Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of General Studies in Environmental Studies

## Why study environmental studies?

The Environmental Studies Program at the University of Kansas, established in 1971, is one of the oldest environmental studies programs in the country. The KU Environmental Studies Program provides a rigorous interdisciplinary education and stimulates exchange concerning the environment from natural science, social science, and humanities perspectives. Learning Pathways (<http://esp.ku.edu/pathways/>), thematic areas of study that match student interest to the environmental expertise of our faculty, are a key aspect of our unique program.

## Undergraduate Admission

### Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Unless they are college transfer students with at least 24 hours of credit, prospective students must send ACT or SAT scores to the Office of Admissions. Prospective first-year students should be aware that KU has qualified admission requirements that all new first-year students must meet to be admitted. Consult the Office of Admissions (<http://admissions.ku.edu/>) for application deadlines and specific admission requirements.

Visit the International Support Services (<http://www.iss.ku.edu/>) for information about international admissions.

Students considering transferring to KU may see how their college-level course work will transfer on the Office of Admissions (<http://credittransfer.ku.edu/>) website.

### Admission to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Admission to the College is a different process from admission to a major field. Some CLAS departments have admission requirements. See individual department/program sections for departmental admission requirements.

## Requirements for the B.A. or B.G.S. Major

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Environmental Studies Introduction to Science and Culture</b>		
Majors must complete both of the following:		10
	Global Environment I: The Discovery of Environmental Change. Satisfied by:	
EVRN 140	Global Environment I: The Discovery of Environmental Change	
	or EVRN 144 Global Environment I: Discovery of Environmental Change, Honors	
	Global Environment II: The Ecology of Civilization. Satisfied by:	

EVRN 142	Global Environment II: The Ecology of Human Civilization	
	or EVRN 144 Global Environment II: The Ecology of Human Civilization, Honors	
Research Methods. Satisfied by one of the following:		3-4
UBPL 538	Environmental Planning Techniques	
ECON/EVRN 550	Environmental Economics	
EVRN 410	Environmental Applications of Geographic Information Systems	
EVRN 510	Advanced Environmental Applications in Geospatial Techniques	
EVRN 536	Environmental Remote Sensing	
GEOL 351	Environmental Geology	
Statistics. Satisfied by one of the following:		3-4
MATH 365	Elementary Statistics	
GEOG 316	Methods of Analyzing Geographical Data	
BIOL 570	Introduction to Biostatistics	

### Environmental Studies Core Knowledge and Skills

Majors must complete a course in each of the following areas:

Environmental Policy Analysis. Satisfied by:		
EVRN 320	Environmental Policy Analysis	3
Environmental Law. Satisfied by:		
EVRN 332	Environmental Law	3
Field Ecology. Satisfied by:		
EVRN 460	Field Ecology	3
Capstone Experience. Satisfied by:		
EVRN 615	Capstone Project	3

### Environmental Studies Required Electives/Options

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 40 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 30 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.

### 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/>).

A sample 4-year plan for the BA degree in Environmental Studies can be found here: Environmental Studies (<http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts->

sciences/environmental-studies/ba-bgs/ba-environmental-studies/), or by using the left-side navigation.

Sample 4-year plans for the BGS degree in Environmental Studies can be found here: Environmental Studies (<http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/environmental-studies/ba-bgs/BGS-in-Environmental-Studies/>), or by using the left-side navigation.

## Departmental Honors

To graduate with honors in environmental studies, an undergraduate must maintain a minimum grade-point average of 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.