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 degree that balances learning in the physical and social sciences along with the arts and humanities. Learning Pathways (https://esp.ku.edu/learning-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. 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.

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

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Environmental Studies Core Knowledge and Skills
Majors must complete a course in each of the following areas:

Environmental Social Science and Policy Satisfied by:
- EVRN 320 Environmental Policy Analysis
- EVRN 371 Environmental Geopolitics
- EVRN 384 Environment, Power, and Justice
- EVRN 385 Environmental Social Problems
- EVRN 386 Sociology of Global Food
- EVRN 528 Environmental Justice and Public Policy
- EVRN 537 Water Resource Sustainability
- EVRN 542 Ethnobotany
- EVRN 543 Natural Hazards and Environmental Risks

Environmental Humanities and Arts Satisfied by:
- EVRN 306 Global Environmental Literature
- EVRN 330 Sculpture Intercepting the Waste Stream
- EVRN 332 Environmental Law
- EVRN 347 Environmental History of North America
- EVRN 362 Art and Ecology: Inhabiting the Ecosphere
- EVRN 375 Radical Environmentalism in the United States
- EVRN 377 Resilient and Resistant Futures: Global Perspectives in Climate Change Literature
- EVRN 563 U.S. Environmental Thought in the 20th Century
- EVRN 630 Sculpture Intercepting the Waste Stream
- EVRN 662 Art and Ecology: Inhabiting the Ecosphere

Field Ecology. Satisfied by:
- EVRN 460 Field Ecology
- or EVRN 660 Summer Field Ecology

Capstone Experience. Satisfied by one of the following: 3-6
- EVRN 491 Capstone Internship
- EVRN 615 Capstone Project
- EVRN 624 Independent Study
& EVRN 625 and Honors Research in Environmental Studies (Completion of EVRN 624 AND 625 required for Capstone experience.)

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 5 courses at the 300+ level. Students completing the honors capstone sequence (EVRN 624 & EVRN 625) may count 3 hours of that sequence toward the elective requirement.

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 40-41 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 33 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 Sample 4-year BA plan (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/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 Sample 4-year BGS plan (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/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.