ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

ABOUT THE MAJOR

The Environmental Studies program in the School of Public Affairs & Civic Engagement offers a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies with a concentration in Natural Resource Management and Conservation. Students in the B.A. program have three emphases from which to choose: Environmental Sustainability and Social Justice, Humanities and the Environment, and The Urban Environment. Students in the B.S. program gain theoretical and applied knowledge and skills in ecology, conservation biology, and natural resources needed for careers/further study in natural resources management and conservation.

B.A. EMPHASIS AREAS

Environmental Sustainability and Social Justice
The Environmental Sustainability and Social Justice emphasis provides students with a theoretical and applied understanding of the issues of sustainability and the connections between social justice and environmental problems and solutions. Students study the roles that values and social, political and economic structures play in contributing to the environmental crisis.

Urban Environment
The Urban Environment emphasis provides students with a strong interdisciplinary theoretical and empirical understanding for dealing with environmental issues in urban settings.

Humanities and the Environment
The Humanities and the Environment emphasis explores the varied and complex ways that different cultures — past and present — view and communicate about the environment.

Complementary Studies
Bachelor of Arts students must complete at least 12 units of complementary studies outside of the primary prefix for the major. (Note: Students may not use an alternate prefix that is cross-listed with the primary prefix for the major.) All complementary studies units must be approved by an advisor and all of the units must be separate to the units used to satisfy major requirements. Courses that fulfill complementary studies units may be lower or upper division units, resident or transfer units, or units taken in approved study abroad programs. Students who complete two majors or a major and a minor automatically complete the complementary studies requirement. Additional ways for students in the environmental studies B.A. program to satisfy the requirement are with one or more languages other than English; partial completion of a minor; partial completion of certificate; or a coherent group of courses approved by a major advisor as complementary to the major.
SUGGESTED FIRST- AND SECOND-YEAR COURSE SEQUENCE

B.A. Environmental Studies

FALL 2018
- Area A1 Oral Communication
- Area A2 Written Communication I*
- Area B4 Quantitative Reasoning*
- Chemistry 100 (optional)

SPRING 2019
- Area A3 Critical Thinking
- Area A4 Written Communication II*
- Area C1 Arts*
- Chemistry 115 or Chemistry 180*

FALL 2019
- Environmental Studies 224
- Area C3 Literature
- Area D2 U.S. History
- Geography 101 or Earth Sciences 270

SPRING 2020
- Area C1* or C2 Arts or Humanities
- Area D1 Social Science
- Area D3 U.S. and California Government
- Biology 313**

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- Area A4 Written Communication II*
- Area C1 Arts*
- Chemistry 115 or Chemistry 180**

FALL 2019
- Environmental Studies 224
- Area C3 Literature
- Area D2 U.S. History
- Biology 230

SPRING 2020
- Area C1* or C2 Arts or Humanities
- Area D1 Social Science
- Area D3 U.S. and California Government
- Biology 240**

*AP and IB exam scores as well as courses taken a community college can also impact the suggested course sequencing. If you are not sure how this will affect your scheduling, please contact an SRC advisor.

General Education Areas Potentially Met by Courses in this Major

**The requirements below are deemed “met in the major” upon completion of the courses listed (even though the courses and their prerequisites are not approved for GE). This is true whether or not the student completes the major. All other requirements must be completed as outlined in the General Education section of the Bulletin.

- Area B1 (Physical Science) is satisfied upon completion of both CHEM 115 or CHEM 180 and CHEM 380.
- Area B2 (Life Science) and AREA B3 (Laboratory Science) are satisfied upon completion of either BIOL 240 or BIOL 313.

ADDING, DROPPING AND WITHDRAWING FROM CLASSES AFTER START OF SEMESTER

Please be aware of all deadlines. You may add courses via your Gateway until before the first day of instruction, provided there is space available. Once classes start, you will need permission numbers from your instructor to add classes via Gateway.

Dropping courses via your Gateway without it noted on your official records must occur within the first three weeks of each semester. A course dropped in the first three weeks of the semester will not be shown on your transcript and will not affect your GPA. After the first three weeks, you can no longer withdraw via Gateway. Withdrawals have to be petitioned with documentation, and the College of Health and Sciences will only grant withdrawal requests for serious and compelling reasons. If your request to withdraw is approved, a “W” for that course will be displayed on your transcript. Be conscientious about withdrawing from classes, as you are allowed a maximum of 18 units for withdrawal, and “W”的 on your transcript can reflect poorly. Also, keep in mind that you are only allowed to repeat a course once for a maximum of two times.

Lastly, it is ALWAYS students’ responsibility to ensure that they are in the appropriate classes — always check your schedule!

RESOURCES:
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES PROGRAM
School of Public Affairs & Civic Engagement
HSS 261 | envs@sfsu.edu | (415) 405-4129
pace.sfsu.edu/envs

CHSS STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER
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