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 a 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 2020
Area A1 Oral Communication or Area A3 HSS 110 (recommended)
Area A2 Written English Requirement (ENG 114 or ENG 104)
Major Core: ENVS 130
Area B4 Quantitative Reasoning and support class (if needed)
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Electives

SPRING 2021
Area A1 Oral Communication or Area A3 HSS 110 (recommended)
Area A2 Written English Requirement (if took ENG 104 in Fall 2019) or Area A3 HSS 210 (preferred) (if ENG 114 completed in Fall 2019)
Major Core: CHEM 115 (B1 Met in Major) or CHEM 180
Major Elective: ERTH 230 or GEOG 101
Area D1 or D2 or D3: Social Sciences or U.S. History or U.S./CA Government

FALL 2021
Major Elective: ENVS 224
Area C1 or C2: Arts or Humanities
Area D1 or D2 or D3: Social Sciences or U.S. History or U.S./CA Government
Area D1 or D2 or D3: Social Sciences or U.S. History or U.S./CA Government
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Electives

SPRING 2022
Area C1 or C2: Arts or Humanities
Area C1 or C2: Arts or Humanities
2 Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Electives

Elective/complementary studies -- please consult with major advisor about appropriate courses.

AP and IB exam scores as well as courses taken at community college may impact course sequencing. If you are not sure how this will affect you, please contact an SRC advisor.

B.S. Environmental Studies

FALL 2020
Area A1 Oral Communication or Area A3 HSS 110 (recommended)
Area A2 Written English Requirement (ENG 114 or ENG 104)
Major Core: ENVS 130
Area B4 Quantitative Reasoning and support class (if needed)
Area C1 or C2: Arts and Humanities

SPRING 2021
Area A1 Oral Communication or Area A3 HSS 110 (recommended)
Area A2 Written English Requirement (if took ENG 104 in Fall 2019) or Area A3 HSS 210 (preferred) (if ENG 114 completed in Fall 2019)
Major Core: BIO 230
Area D1 or D2 or D3: Social Sciences or U.S. History or U.S./CA Government

FALL 2021
Major Core: BIO 240 (B2 and B3 Met in Major)
Area C1 or C2: Arts or Humanities
Area D1 or D2 or D3: Social Sciences or U.S. History or U.S./CA Government

SPRING 2022
Major Core: ENVS 224
Major Elective: ERTH 230 or GEOG 101
Area C1 or C2: Arts or Humanities
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ADDING, DROPPING AND WITHDRAWING FROM CLASSES AFTER START OF SEMESTER

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

Dropping courses via your Gateway without it being noted on your academic record must occur within the first three weeks of each semester. After this three-week period, you are no longer allowed to drop courses via your Gateway. At this point, you must have a serious and compelling reason to withdraw from a course and submit a petition that includes supporting documentation and an unofficial transcript. If approved, a “W” will appear on your academic record. Withdrawals that lack serious and compelling reasons and/or viable supporting documentation may be denied within the College of Health & Social Sciences. Be conscientious about withdrawing from classes, as you are only allowed a maximum of 18 units for withdrawal. Please also keep in mind that you are only allowed to repeat a course once after receiving a failing grade.

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 133 | envs@sfsu.edu | (415) 405-3483
pace.sfsu.edu/envs

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