The Environmental Science Major

The Environmental Science major requires students to take a total of 20 courses, 14 of which have an environmental focus and 6 of which are background science courses. Of the 14 environmentally focused courses, 6 are required core science courses. Additionally, students are to take two environmental studies courses and 6 courses in their environmental concentration area/track (Restoration Ecology or Hydrology and Aquatic Systems or Energy Resources)

F – offered in the Fall semester
S – offered in the Spring semester
B – offered in both semesters

This notation is not a guarantee that the course is offered in the indicated semester. It is only a notation of when the course is typically offered. Please consult the Course Schedule listing on the Office of the Registrar’s Website.

* denotes courses that have prerequisites

Science Background Courses (6 courses):
Chem 121 B,
122*S Math 161,
162* - B Math
186* - B
Physics 111* - F or 131* - B

Environmental Science Core (6 courses):
EVST 100 An Introduction to the Environment - F
Biol 234 Environmental Biology* - F or Biol 272 Conservation Biology* - F
Chem 252 Environmental Chemistry*- F or CE 321 Introduction to Environmental Engineering and Science*- F
Geol 110 Environmental Geology - S or Geol 120 Geologic Disasters: Agents of Chaos - F
EVST 290 Climate Change the Facts, the issues, the Long-Term View - S
or Geol 115 Earth: Evolution of a Habitable Planet - F
EVST 400 Environmental Studies Praxis – F (normally)

Environmental Studies (choose 2 courses):
A&S 201 Culture and the Environment - S
AFS 330 Cowboys in Africa: Social Transformations and Environmental Justice - S
Econ 202 Environmental Economics* - S
EGRS 230 Environmental Justice – no regular cycle
Eng 276 Literature of the Sea - F
Eng 351 Environmental Writing* - S
EVST 215 Environmental Policy* - S  
EVST 220 People, Places, and Environments of the Mid-Atlantic - S  
EVST 230 Water Problems, Water Solutions - S  
EVST/WGS 253 Gender, Race, and Environmental Justice - S – odd years  
EVST 254 Cultures of Nature F – odd years  
EVST 310 Organizations and the Environment* - F  
EVST/ FAMS 363 Green Screen Film and The Environment* - F – even year  
EVST/EGRS 373 Technology and Nature* - S  
ART/EVST 250 Art and Environment - F  
Govt 231 Global Environmental Politics* - F  
Hist 252 Transformation of the American Environment – S  
IA 240 Pursing Global Sustainability – S  
Phil 155 Environmental Ethics – S – odd years  
WGS 204 Gender & Environmentalism – F

**Concentration Areas/Tracks: (6 courses in concentration area)**

(1) Restoration Ecology  
OR  
(2) Hydrology and Aquatic Systems  
OR  
(3) Energy Resources

**Required courses**  
Biol 231 Ecology* - S  
Biol 272 Conservation Biology* - F  
Geol 300 Earth Surface Processes* - S

**Elective courses** (In addition to the three required courses above, students must take any 3 courses from the list below)

Biol 215 Phytopathology* - F  
Biol 224 Plant Form, Function, and Adaption* - S  
Biol 225 Microbiology* Every 3rd semester  
Biol 275 Behavioral Ecology* S  
Biol 332 Advanced Aquatic Ecology* F  
Biol 341 Environmental Issues in Aquatic Ecosystems* F  
CE 351 Water Resources Engineering* - S  
CE 421 Hydrology* - F – odd years  
CE 422 Environmental Site Assessment* - S  
CE 423 Water Quality * - S – odd years  
CE 425 Water Supply and Pollution Control* - S – odd years
CE 451 Open Channel Flow* - S – odd years
Geol 205 Oceanography* - S
Geol 210 Hydrogeology* - F
Geol 229 Geographical Information Systems and Remote Sensing in Geosciences* - F
Geol 300 Earth Surface Processes* - S

Geol 321 Geochemistry* - S even years

(2) Hydrology and Aquatic Systems Concentration (6 courses)

**Required** (at least one from each set)
Groundwater course (Geol 210* - F)
Surface water course (Geol 300 - S or CE 421* - F – odd years or CE 423* - S – odd years or CE 351* - S)
Aquatic biology course (Biol 231* - S or Biol 332* - F every other year or Biol 341* - F)

**Elective courses** (In addition to three required courses selected above, students must take any 3 courses from the list below)

**Ecology**
Biol 231 Ecology* S
Biol 332 Advanced Aquatic Ecology* F – odd years
Biol 341 Environmental Issues in Aquatic Ecosystems* F

**Physical Flow Systems**
CE 351 Water Resources Engineering* - S
CE 421 Hydrology* - F – odd years
CE 451 Open Channel Flow* - S – odd years
ChE 211 Material and Energy Balances* - F Geol 210 Hydrogeology* - F
Geol 300 Earth Surface Processes* - S

**Marine Systems**
Geol 205 Oceanography* - S – even years
Geol 315 Paleoclimatology and Paleoceanography* - S odd years

**Water Quality**
CE 423 Water Quality* - S – odd years
CE 425 Water Supply and Pollution Control* - F – odd years
Chem 252 Environmental Chemistry* - F
Geol 321 Geochemistry* - S – even years

**Toolbox Courses**
CE 321 Introduction to Environmental Engineering and Science* - F
Chem 231 Analytical Chem I* - F
Geol 229 Geographical Information Systems and Remote Sensing in Geosciences* - F
Geol 322/CE464 Environmental Geophysics* - S – even years

(3) Energy Resources Concentration (6 courses)

**Required**
ChE 211 Material and Energy Balances* - F
EGRS 352 Energy, Technology, and the Modern World* - S
Thermodynamics (ChE 222* or ME 354*) – F (both courses)

**Elective courses** (In addition to the three required courses selected above, students must take any 3 courses from the list below)

Fluid Mechanics (CE251* or ME 362*) – CE251 - F/ME362 - S
CE 351 Water Resources Engineering* - S
CE 421 Hydrology* - F – odd years
ChE 311 Transport Phenomena*- F
ChE 370 Alternative Energy Resources*- S
Geol 215 Modern and Ancient Depositional Environments*- S
Geol 229 Geographical Information Systems and Remote Sensing in Geosciences* - F
Geol 317 Tectonics and Structure of the Earth*- F
Geol 322/CE 464 Environmental Geophysics*- S
ME 470 Heat Transfer*- F
ME 475 Thermal/Fluids Systems*- S
ME 483 Power Plants* - no regular cycle