



The Programs in Environmental Science and Environmental Studies

The Environmental Science Major (CLASS OF 2026 FORWARD)

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 – typically offered in the Fall semester

S – typically offered in the Spring semester

B – typically offered in both semesters

This notation is not a guarantee that the course is offered in the indicated semester. 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*/131* **or** BIOL 111 – **F** (students in the Restoration Ecology track should take BIOL 111)

Environmental Science Core (6 courses):

EVST 100 An Introduction to the Environment - **F**

BIOL 233 Environmental Problem Solving in Biology* **F or** BIOL 234 Environmental Biology* - **S 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 Core (2 courses)

EVST 215 Environmental Policy* - **F**

EVST 253 Environmental Justice* - S

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

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

(1) Restoration Ecology Concentration (6 courses)

(Note: students pursuing this track cannot double count BIOL 272 as a required course and a core science course)

Required courses

BIOL 231 Ecology* - S or BIOL 342 Restoration Ecology* - B

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 342 Restoration Ecology* F

CE 351 Water Resources Engineering* - S

CE/EVSC 352 Hydrology* - F

CE/EVSC 322 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

EVSC/GEOL 211 Rivers and Watersheds: Form and Function*

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/EVSC 352* 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)

BIOL 231 Ecology* S

BIOL 332 Advanced Aquatic Ecology* **F – odd years**
 BIOL 342 Restoration Ecology* **F**
 CE 321 Introduction to Environmental Engineering and Science* **F**
 CE 351 Water Resources Engineering* **S**
 CE/EVSC 352 Hydrology* **F**
 CE 423 Water Quality* **S**
 CE 425 Water Supply and Pollution Control* **S**
 CE 451 Open Channel Flow* **S**
 CHE 211 Material and Energy Balances* **F**
 CHEM 231 Analytical CHEM I* **F**
 CHEM 252 Environmental Chemistry* **F**
 EVSC/GEOL 211 Rivers and Watersheds: Form and Function*
 GEOL 205 Oceanography* **S**
 GEOL 229 Geographical Information Systems and Remote Sensing in Geosciences* **F**
 GEOL 300 Earth Surface Processes* **S**
 GEOL 315 Paleoclimatology and Paleoceanography* **S**
 GEOL 321 Geochemistry* **S**
 GEOL 322/CE464 Environmental Geophysics*

(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*- **F** or ME 362* - **S**)
 CE/EVSC 352 Hydrology* **F**
 CE 351 Water Resources Engineering* - **S**
 CHE 311 Transport Phenomena*- **F**
 CHE 342 Atmospheric Engineering and Science*
 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**