

MAJOR CONCENTRATION

The Environmental Studies Major has four major components that together form the basis for a robust background for our students.

1. Introductory Courses: These courses are meant to introduce students to the range of topics and approaches utilized in studying environmental issues.

- * ENVI 133 – Environmental Science or
ENVI 140 – The Earth’s Climate System
- * ENVI 215 – Environmental Politics and Policy
- * ENVI 235 – Environmental History

2. Intermediate Courses: These courses are designed to give students an overview of the important texts that scholars and practitioners use as the basis of their understanding of environmental issues and to give students a “real world” experience working in the environmental field. The courses are also meant to allow students to reflect on their goals as majors in environmental studies.

- * ENVI 280 – Environmental Classics
- * ENVI 489 – Environmental Leadership Practicum
- * ENVI 490 – Environmental Studies Leadership Seminar

3. Capstone Courses: These courses are intended to provide students the opportunity to utilize their background in environmental studies to address an environmental issue as part of an interdisciplinary team.

- * ENVI 488 – Senior Seminar in Environmental Studies or
ENVI 477/GEOG 488 – Comparative Environment and
Development Studies or ENVI 494/GEOG 488 – Cities of
the 21st Century or ENVI 644 – Honors Project in
Environmental Studies

4. Disciplinary or Interdisciplinary Emphasis: The emphasis or “core” allows students to gain depth in a particular disciplinary approach to examining environmental issues or



in a particular environmental theme or problem considered from an interdisciplinary perspective. The core includes a series of 6 courses to provide the depth and a methods course to insure students have the appropriate “tools” to implement their area of study.

The Environmental Studies major consists of ten courses (38 credits) in environmental studies and related subjects plus a seven-course emphasis.

The ten course requirement is distributed as follows:

- Three introductory courses:
 - * ENVI 133 – Environmental Science or
ENVI 140 – The Earth’s Climate System
 - * ENVI 215 – Environmental Politics and Policy
 - * ENVI 234 – American Environmental History

- Four required Environmental Studies courses:
 - * ENVI 280 – Environmental Classics
 - * ENVI 488 – Senior Seminar in Environmental Studies or
ENVI 477/GEOG 488 – Comparative Environment and
Development Studies or ENVI 494/GEOG 488 – Cities
of the 21st Century or ENVI 644 – Honors Project in
Environmental Studies
 - * ENVI 489 – Environmental Leadership Practicum
(preferred) or ENVI 624 – Internship
 - * ENVI 490 – Environmental Leadership Seminar

- One Natural Science course:
 - * ENVI 120 – Environmental Geology
 - * ENVI 130 – Science of Renewable Energy
 - * ENVI 133 - Environmental Science
 - * ENVI 140 – The Earth’s Climate System
 - * ENVI 144 – Lakes, Streams and Rivers
 - * ENVI 150 - Climate and Society
 - * ENVI 285 – Ecology



* ENVI 194, 294, and 394 natural science topic courses
Other natural science courses require prior approval by the Environmental Studies Department Chair.

■ One Social Science course:

- * ENVI 225 – 100 Words for Snow: Language and Nature
- * ENVI 231 – Environmental Economics and Policy
- * ENVI 232 – People and the Environment
- * ENVI 252 – Water and Power
- * ENVI 258 – Geography of Environmental Hazards
- * ENVI 270 – Psychology of Sustainable Behavior
- * ENVI 333 – Economics of Global Food Problems
- * ENVI 335 – Science and Citizenship
- * ENVI 365 – Environmental Anthropology
- * ENVI 368 – Sustainable Development and the Global Future
- * ENVI 477 – Comparative Env. and Development Studies
- * ENVI 494 – Cities of the 21st Century
- * ENVI 194, 294, and 394 social science topic courses

Other social science courses require prior approval by the Environmental Studies Department Chair.

■ One Humanities course:

- * ENVI 229 – Environmental Ethics
- * ENVI 236 – Consumer Nation: American Consumer Culture in the 20th Century
- * ENVI 237 – Environmental Justice
- * ENVI 262 - Studies in Literature and the Natural World
- * ENVI 265 – Justice
- * ENVI 340 – U.S. Urban Environmental History
- * ENVI 343 – Imperial Nature: The United States and the Global Environment
- * ENVI 345 – Car Country: The Automobile and the American Environment
- * ENVI 370 – Education and the Challenge of Globalization
- * ENVI 194, 294, and 394 humanities topic courses

Other humanities courses require prior approval by the Environmental Studies Department Chair.



Disciplinary or Interdisciplinary Core: Seven courses

■ Disciplinary Option:

- * 6 courses in a discipline (2 must be 300-level courses)
- * 1 methods course related to the core's focus

Disciplinary cores in departments other than Anthropology, Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Geography, Geology, History, Philosophy, Political Science or Physics must be approved by the chair.

■ Interdisciplinary Option:

- * 6 courses organized around a clear theme or environmental problem (2 must be 300-level courses)
- * 1 methods course related to the core's focus

Examples of interdisciplinary core plans might be: Environmental Science, Global Citizenship, Environmental Justice, Natural Resources Management

Preapproved cores can be found on the Environmental Studies web site www.malester.edu/environmentalstudies/advising.htm.

MINOR CONCENTRATION

Requirements for the Minor Concentration

Five courses (20 credits) in Environmental Studies: two from the introductory sequence (Environmental Studies 133, 140, 215, or 234) and three additional Environmental Studies courses, not including internships or independent studies, selected in consultation with a department faculty member and approved by the department chair.

