ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE. BS/ Spring 2017

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Description of Major
Environmental Science is the interdisciplinary study of environmental systems from a scientific perspective. Drawing principally from
the areas of oceanography, geology, meteorology, biology and chemistry, the Environmental Science program will prepare students in
the broader area of geosciences and is an attractive option for students seeking a broader interdisciplinary major with the rigor of
mathematics and the physical sciences at its core.

FSU offers both the BS and BA degrees in Environmental Science. The BA degree differs from the BS degree in lower-level
mathematics requirements and a greater emphasis on policy and humanities. The goals of these programs are to prepare exceptionally
well-qualified graduates prepared to work in the interdisciplinary earth sciences, whether in government agencies, NGOs, or the
private sector. They also provide a strong basis for graduate study in environmental and interdisciplinary earth sciences.

Prerequisite Coursework: 31-32 hours
The following are being proposed as common program prerequisites.
STA X122 (3) Intro. to Applied Statistics or ISC X523C (3) Research Methods
MAC X311 (4) Calculus I
BSC X010, X010L (3,1) Biological Science I, Lab
CHM X045, X045L (3,1) General Chemistry I, Lab
PHY X048C (5) General Physics A with Lab or PHY X053C (4) College Physics B with Lab
BSC X011, X011L (3, 1) Biological Science II, Lab
CHM X046, X046L (3,1) General Chemistry II, Lab
GLY X010C (4) Physical Geology with Lab
Note: State-wide common prerequisites are always under review. For the most current information and for acceptable alternative
courses, visit the “Common Prerequisites Manual.” This is available from the “Student Services” section of http://www.flvc.org .

Requirements for graduation in the College of Arts and Sciences include:
The College of Arts and Science requires proficiency in a foreign language through the intermediate (2220 or equivalent) level or sign
language through the advanced (2614 or equivalent) level.

Requirements for Progression to and Continuation in the Upper-Division Major
Students should complete the prerequisite coursework for entrance to the major program of study. Students must also have completed
a minimum of 52 hours of credit and at least half the required hours in Liberal Studies, including required English composition and
Math, or an A.A degree. No required course in which a student has earned a grade below C- may be applied toward the degree in
Environmental Science. A student who has received more than five unsatisfactory grades (U, F, D-, D, D+) in science, statistics, or
mathematics courses (and their prerequisites) taken at Florida State University or elsewhere, including repeated unsatisfactory grades
in the same course, will not be permitted to graduate with a degree in this major.

Mapping
Mapping is FSU’s academic advising and monitoring system. Academic progress is monitored each Fall and Spring semester to
ensure that students are on course to earn their degree in a timely fashion. Transfer students must meet mapping guidelines to be
accepted into their majors. You may view the map for this major at
www.academic-guide.fsu.edu.
Major Program of Studies at FSU: 41-42 hours

Environmental Science Core Courses (16-18 hours)

MET 1010 (3) Introduction to the Atmosphere or MET 2700 (3) General Meteorology
OCE 4008 (3) Principles of Oceanography
OCE 4017 (3) Current Issues in Environmental Science or GLY 3039 (3) Energy, Resources and Environment
GLY 4751C (3) Intro. to Remote Sensing or (if GLY4751 is not available) may substitute GIS 4043 and GIS 4043L (3,1) Geographic Information Processing & Systems, Lab
EVR4922 (4) Senior Capstone  (Counts as Upper Division Writing)

Environmental Science Elective courses: Choose a total of twenty-one hours, at least twelve of which must be selected from List 1 and the remaining nine hours from any of the elective lists below.

List 1 (12 hour minimum):
Geoscience Elective Courses:

EOC  4631  Marine Pollution (3)
OCB  4631  Estuarine and Coastal Ecology (3)
GLY  2100  Historical Geology (3)
GLY  3200C mineralogy and Crystallography (3)
GLY  3310C Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology (3)
GLY  3400C Structural Geology (4)
GLY  3610C Paleontology (4)
GLY  4751C Introduction to Remote Sensing, Air Photo Interpretation and GIS for the Earth Sciences (3)
GLY  4884 Environmental Geology I (3)
GLY  4905 Directed Individual Study (Geohazards) (3)
MET  2101 Physical Climatology (3) or MET 3103C Climate Change Science (3) or ISC 2003 Global Change: Its Scientific and Human Dimensions (3)
MET  3220C Meteorological Computations (3)
MET  3300 Introduction to Atmospheric Dynamics (3)
MET  4159r Special Topics in Meteorology (1–3)
MET  4400C Meteorological Instrumentation and Observation (3)
OCB  4631 Estuarine and Coastal Ecology (3)
OCB  4637 Marine Benthic Ecology (3)
OCC  4002 Introduction to Chemical Oceanography (3)
OCC  4060 Environmental Science Modeling (3)
OCE  3555 Environmental Science II: Habitable Planet (3)
OCE  4064 Marine Conservation Biology (3)
OCE  4265 Coral Reef Ecology (3)
OCP  4005 Introduction to Physical Oceanography (3)
OCE  4930r Studies in Oceanography (1–4) (Topics vary: Biodiversity, Earth Systems, Marine Microbial Ecology, Geomicrobiology, (consent of adviser), Physics and Flow of Water Bodies, Environmental Toxicology,

Other classes are allowed as electives with department permission (six to seven hours maximum).

Related Areas of Focus

Environmental Engineering Tools (9-10 hour maximum)

CGN  2327L  Civil Engineering Graphics Lab (1)
CEG  2202C  Introduction to Geomatics Engineering (4)
EES  3040  Introduction to Environmental Engineering Science (3)
EES  3040L  Environmental Engineering Science Lab (1)
EGM  3512  Engineering Mechanics (4)
EGN  2123  Computer Graphics for Engineers (2)
ENV  4001  Environmental Engineering (3)
ENV  4041  Environmental Systems Analysis (3)
ENV  4341  Solid and Hazardous Waste Engineering (3)
ENV  4405  Water Reuse Engineering (3)

Environmental Geology/Geosciences (9-10 hour maximum)

GLY  4084  Environmental Geology (3)
GLY  4544C  Sedimentation and Stratigraphy (4)
GLY  4451  Introduction to Geophysics (3)
GLY  4820  Principles of Hydrology (3)
*Environmental Science Students with a focus area in GLY, wanting to use Field Camp as their Capstone should take the following coursework:

GLY 4544C Sedimentation and Stratigraphy
GLY 3400C Structural Geology
GLY 4790 Field Camp/Field Geology (Substitute for BS Environmental Science Capstone)

Biology (9-10 hour maximum):
BOT 4394 Plant Molecular Biology (3)
BSC 3052 Conservation Biology (3)
BSC 3312 Marine Biology (3)
BSC 3402L Experimental Biology Laboratory (3)
BSC 3930 Seminar in Biological Frontiers (1)
BSC 3938 Careers in the Biological Sciences (1)
BSC 4473C Introduction to Scientific Diving (3) (Faculty Permission Required)
BSC 4933r Selected Topics in Biological Science (1–4)
PCB 4674 Evolution (3)
ZOO 4454C Biology of Fishes (4)

Chemistry (9-10 hour maximum)
CHM 2210 Organic Chemistry I (3)
CHM 2211 Organic Chemistry II (3)
CHM 2211L Organic Chemistry II Laboratory (3)
CHM 3120 Analytical Chemistry I (3)
CHM 3120L Analytical Chemistry I Laboratory (1)
CHM 4080 Environmental Chemistry I (3)
CHM 4081 Environmental Chemistry II (3)

Geography/GIS (9-10 hour maximum)
GEO 2200C Physical Geography (3)
GEO 4114 Environmental Field Methods (3)
GEO 4162C Spatial Data Analysis (3)
GEO 4340 Living in a Hazardous Environment (3)
GEO 4357 Environmental Conflict and Economic Development (3)
GEO 4376 Landscape Ecology (3)
GEO 4930r Special Topics in Geography (1–3)
GIS 3015 Map Analysis (3)
GIS 4006 Computer Cartography (3)
GIS 4043 Geographic Information Systems (3)
GIS 4043L GIS Lab (1)

Graduate School Preparation: (no maximum)
CHM 2210 Organic Chemistry I (3)
CHM 2211 Organic Chemistry II (3)
CHM 2211L Organic Chemistry II Lab (3)
MAC 2311 Calculus with Analytic Geometry I (4)
MAC 2312 Calculus with Analytic Geometry II (4)
MAC 2313 Calculus with Analytic Geometry III (5)
PHY 2049C General Physics B (five hours at FSU) (5)

Collateral Minor. 0 beyond required courses
By completing the requirements of the BS Environmental Science Program, students automatically receive a collateral minor in Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Science. Twelve additional hours of coursework in specific elective classes may constitute a specific minor within that field. Talk to your advisor for more information

Computer Skills Competency: 0 hours beyond other requirements. BSC 2010L (1).
Oral Communication Competency: 0-3 hours.
Students must demonstrate the ability to orally transmit ideas and information clearly. This requirement may be met through appropriate high school speech training or with an approved college-level approved course, such as SPC 1017 or SPC 2608.

Minimum Program Requirements Summary
Total Hrs. Required 120
Liberal Studies 36*
BS Prerequisite Coursework 27-29*
BS Major Coursework 41-42*
Minor Coursework 0 beyond other requirements
Foreign Language 0-12 (depending on placement)
Computer Skills 0 beyond major
Oral Communication Competency 0-3
Electives to bring total hours to 120
*Note: Some coursework required for this major (prerequisite/collateral/major) may also be applied to Liberal Studies or minor requirements.

Remarks:
1. A minimum of 45 hours at the 3000 level or above, 30 of which must be taken at this University.
2. Half of the major course semester hours must be completed in residence at this University.
3. The final 30 hours must be completed in residence at this University.

Employment Information
Representative job titles related to this major: Environmental technician, geoscientist, environmental scientist, hydrologist, general physical scientist, and oceanographer. Some positions may require additional education or training.
Representative Employers: Federal, state, and local governments; NGOs; private employers.
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