

Department of Geography & the Environment

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Environmental Science Major – Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree

The interdisciplinary B.S. in Environmental Science requires year-long core classes in Geography, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, in addition to Calculus I & II, Statistics, E-law, Cont. E-issues, and 7 elective classes.

1. University Common Curriculum (44 quarter hours)		Quarter offered
First Year Seminar	4 qtr hrs	Fall
First Year Writing and Rhetoric	8 qtr hrs	Winter, Spring
Foreign Language	12 gtr hrs	Fall, Winter, Spring
Analytical Inquiry-Society and Culture	8 gtr hrs	Variable
Scientific Inquiry-Society and Culture	8 gtr hrs	Variable
Advanced Seminar	4 qtr hrs	Variable
2. Bachelor of Science Core (74 quarter hours)		
GEOG 1201, 1202, 1203: Environmental Systems	12 qtr hrs	Fall, Winter, Spring
BIOL 1011/1021: Evolution Heredity & Biodiversity	5 gtr hrs	Winter
BIOL 1010/1020: Physiological Systems	5 gtr hrs	Spring
BIOL 2010/2011: General Ecology	5 qtr hrs	Fall
CHEM 1010/1240: General Chemistry I (+ lab)	4 gtr hrs	Fall
CHEM 1020/1250: General Chemistry II (+lab)	4 gtr hrs	Winter
CHEM 2240: Introduction to Environmental Chemistry	4 gtr hrs	Spring
PHYS 1111 (1121), 1112 (1122), 1113 (1123): General Physics	15 gtr hrs	Fall, Winter, Spring
Statistics (GEOG 2000, BIOL 2090, or PSYC 2300)	4 gtr hrs	Spring
MATH 1951 and 1952: Calculus I and II	8 gtr hrs	Variable
ENVI 3000: Environmental Law	4 gtr hrs	Winter or Spring
GEOG 2700: Contemporary Environmental Issues or	i qu'ins	in more or spring
GEOG 2500: Sustainability and Human Society	4 qtr hrs	Variable
GEOG 2990: Prof. Development for Envi Sci Majors (Seniors of	-	Spring
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3. Bachelor of Science Electives (28+ quarter hours). A minimum of 28 quarter hours from the following list of courses, including at least 8 hours in BIOL AND 8 hours in GEOG, GEOL, or ENVI. Other BIOL, GEOG, GEOL, ENVI classes not listed here may count for elective credit. No more than 5 quarter hours taken as Independent Study or Independent Research will be counted toward the minimum hours required in the major.

BIOL 2510 BIOL 3030 BIOL 3035 BIOL 3044	General Genetics Alpine Ecology Invasive Species Ecology Coral Reef Ecology	BIOL 3055 BIOL 3095 BIOL 3700 BIOL 3707	Ecology of the Rockies Global Change Ecology Advanced Topics in Ecology Topics in Conservation Biology
GEOG 2020	Computer Assisted Cartography #	GEOG 3425	Urban Sustainability *
GEOG 2100	Introduction to GIS #	GEOG 3440	Urban Transportation Planning *
GEOG 2410	Economic Geography *	GEOG 3445	Sustainability and Transportation *
GEOG 2420	Geography of Tourism *	GEOG 3500	Reconstructing Quaternary Environments *
GEOG 2550	Current Issues in Sustainability #	GEOG 3510	Biogeography *
GEOG 2700	Contemporary Environmental Issues #	GEOG 3520	Geography of Soils *
GEOG 3000	Advanced Geographic Statistics #	GEOG 3560	Fluvial Geomorphology *
GEOG 3010	Geographic Information Analysis #	GEOG 3600	Meteorology *
GEOG 3100	Geospatial Data *	GEOG 3610	Climatology *
GEOG 3130	GIS Programming with Python#	GEOG 3630	Dendroclimatology *
GEOG 3140	GIS Database Design #	GEOG 3720	Mountain Environments and Sustainability *
GEOG 3200	Remote Sensing #	GEOG 3755	Geographies of Health *
GEOG 3230	Advanced Remote Sensing *	GEOG 3800	Geography of Colorado *
GEOG 3310	Cult/Nature/Econ/Human Ecology #	GEOG 3870	Water Resources and Sustainability *
GEOG 3400	Urban Landscapes #	GEOG 3890	Ecological Economics *
GEOG 3410	Urban Applications of GIS *	GEOG 3940	Urban Geography Seminar +
GEOG 3420	Urban & Regional Planning #	GEOG 3955	Pollen Analysis Seminar *

= offered every year

* = offered every other year

+ = offered occasionally

GEOL 2020 GEOL 2400 GEOL 2800 GEOL 3010	Historical Geology Geology and Ecology of the SW Geology of National Parks Process Geomorphology (aka GEOG 3910)	GEOL 3100 GEOL 3520 GEOL 3540	Environmental Geology Erosion Process and Management Groundwater Hydrology (aka GEOG 3530)
ENVI 2660 ENVI 3270	Natural History – Sonora & Baja Environmental Impact Assessment	ENVI 2801 ENVI 3550	Water Quality of Western Rivers and Streams Environmental Issues – Colorado
CHEM 3410	Environmental Chemistry I Atmospheric	CHEM 3411	Environmental Chemistry II: Aquatic

NOTE: A minor is NOT required for the B.S. degree.

5. Minimum total quarter hours for degree: 183 (75 hours must be upper-level: 2000 or 3000)

6. Suggested Academic Plan (Bachelor of Science Core Requirements are bolded)

Year 1: Fall Quarter	Year 1: Winter Quarter	Year 1: Spring Quarter
Environmental Systems I	Environmental Systems II	Environmental Systems III
Foreign Language 1	Foreign Language 2	Foreign Language 3
First Year Seminar	First Year Writing and Rhetoric (WRIT)	First Year Writing and Rhetoric (WRIT)
Common Curriculum Class	Evolution Heredity & Biodiversity	Physiological Systems
Year 2: Fall Quarter	Year 2: Winter Quarter	Year 2: Spring Quarter
General Ecology	Major Elective Class	Major Elective course
General Chemistry I	General Chemistry II	Environmental Chemistry
Major Elective Class	Contemporary Environmental Issues	Common Curriculum Class
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Year 3: Fall Quarter	Year 3: Winter Quarter	Year 3: Spring Quarter
Study Abroad or Field Quarter	Calculus I	Calculus 2
	Major Elective courses	Environmental Law
	Biology Elective course	Statistics
		Major Elective courses
Year 4: Fall Quarter	Year 4: Winter Quarter	Year 4: Spring Quarter
Major Electives courses	Major Elective courses	Major Electives courses
Physics I	Physics II	Physics III
Advanced Seminar/Common Curriculum	Biology Elective course	