

Major Map: Environmental Studies Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

College of Arts and Sciences School of Earth, Ocean & Environment Bulletin Year: 2025-2026

This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding "critical courses" for this particular Program of Study.

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Critical	Course Subject and Title	Hours		Code	Prerequisites	Notes
Semes	ter One (16-17 Credit Hours)					
	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	С	CC-CMW		
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement ³	3-4		CC-ARP		
	Carolina Core SCI Requirement ⁴	4		CC-SCI		
	Foreign language ⁵ or other Carolina Core Requirement ³	3		CC-GFL		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University	3		PR/CC		
	or Carolina Core Requirement ³					
Semes	ter Two (16-17 Credit Hours)					
!	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	C	CC-CMW	C or better in ENGL 101	
	·			CC-INF		
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement ³	3-4		CC-ARP		
	Carolina Core SCI Requirement ⁴	4		CC-SCI		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3		CC		
	Foreign language ⁵ or other Carolina Core Requirement ³	3		CC-GFL		
Semes	ter Three (17 Credit Hours)					
	ENVR 201 Environmental Science & Policy I (fall only)	4	С	MR/CC-		
				INT		
	Additional Science Course ⁴	4		PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3		CC		
	History ⁶	3		CR		
	Foreign language ⁵ or other Carolina Core Requirement ³	3		CR/CC-		
				GFL		
Semes	ter Four (16-17 Credit Hours)					
	ENVR 202 Environmental Science and Policy II (spring	4	С	MR/CC-		
	only)			INT		
	Environmental Studies Major Course ⁷	3-4	С	MR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3		CR		
	Social Science	3		CR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³ or Elective ⁸	3		CC/PR		
Semes	ter Five (12-14 Credit Hours)					
	Environmental Studies Major Course ⁷	3-4	C	MR		
	Environmental Studies Major Course ⁷	3-4	С	MR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3		CR		
_	Carolina Core Requirement ³ or Elective ⁸	3		CC/PR		
Semes	ter Six (15-17 Credit Hours)					
	Environmental Studies Major Course ⁷	3-4	С	MR		
	Environmental Studies Major Course ⁷	3-4	С	MR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3		CR		
	Elective ⁸	3		PR		
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Semes	ter Seven (15-17 Credit Hours)	0.4		145		
	Environmental Studies Major Course ⁷	3-4	С	MR		
	Environmental Studies Major Course ⁷	3-4	С	MR		
	Elective ⁸	3		PR		-
	Elective ⁸	3		PR		
	Elective ⁸	3		PR		
Semes	ter Eight (12-13 Credit Hours)					
	ENVR 480 Environmental Issues Seminar	3	С	MR		
	Environmental Studies Major Course ⁷	3-4	С	MR		
	Elective ⁸	3		PR		
	Elective ⁸	3		PR		

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	36	40-52	32-44	2.000

- 1. Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA.
- 2. Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
- 3. The Carolina Core provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
- Required Science courses (12 hours): 8 hours must be Carolina Core approved*. Choose from the following: BIOL 101/101L (or MSCI 102), 102/102L (or MSCI 311); CHEM 111/111L; ENVR 101/101L; GEOG 201; GEOL 101, 103; MSCI 101, 210/210L; PHYS 201/201L (or PHYS 211/211L).
- 5. Students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score.
- 6. The College of Arts and Sciences requires one U.S. History and one non-U.S. History course, both of which must be chosen from the approved Carolina Core GHS courses. Whichever is not fulfilled through the Carolina Core GHS requirement must be fulfilled through this college requirement.
- 7. Environmental Studies Major Courses: Students must take the required courses from each category below, as well as 12 hours of major electives (see course options in the Bulletin). Students, in consultation with their advisor, will develop a program of study to meet their educational goals in environmental studies courses. For the 12 hours of major electives, at least 6 credit hours must be at the 400-level or above and at least 6 credit hours must have an ENVR designator above ENVR 230. The list of courses from which students may select their additional major courses, in consultation with their advisor, is located on the Bulletin.
 - a. Environmental and Society (6 hours) select 2: ENVR/ENHS 321, ENVR/PHIL 322, ENVR 331, ENVR/ANTH 342, ENVR 348, ENVR/GEOG 538; HIST 360, 448; POLI 478; MSCI 390; ENGL 434; GEOG 321, 343, 347, 560; ANTH 525.
 - b. Laboratory Science (4 hours) select 1: BIOL 301/301L*, GEOL/MSCI 335, GEOL 315*, GEOG 202.
 - c. Skills (3-4 hours) select one: ENVR 460, GEOG 263, 551; JOUR 507; MART 371*; POLI 475; SCHC 486; SOCY 391.
 - *See Bulletin for listed prerequisites
- 8. No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Program Notes:

- Courses identified as "critical" must be completed in the student's first 60 semester hours of work in order for these courses to be credited toward graduation.
- All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade that covers the founding documents. This course may fulfill any requirement in the program of study. Courses that meet this requirement are listed in the academic <u>bulletin</u>.
- Environmental Studies majors may enroll in a major course a maximum of twice to earn the required grade of C or higher. For the purposes of
 progression, withdrawal with a W does not constitute enrollment.
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

University Requirements: Bachelor's degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the <u>Carolina Core</u> page on the University website.

Codes:							
CC	Carolina Core	CC-INF	Carolina Core – Information Literacy				
CC-AIU	Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding	CC-INT	Carolina Core – Integrative Course				
CC-ARP	Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving	CC-SCI	Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy				
CC-CMS	Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component	CC-VSR	Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility				
	Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component	CR	College Requirement				
CC-GFL	Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language	MR	Major Requirement				
CC-GHS	Carolina Core – Historical Thinking	PR	Program Requirement				
CC-GSS	Carolina Core – Social Sciences						

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.