Environmental Studies

The Environmental Studies Program is an interdisciplinary program designed to develop an understanding of living and non-living earth processes and how they affect and are affected by the human population. Courses in biology, earth sciences and history provide a foundation in the functioning of living systems including population growth, ecology, and toxicology; geologic processes including energy resources, geologic hazards, and pollution; and human attitudes towards nature including historical perspective and context for our current situation.

Through these courses students will gain a better understanding of how humans are intimately connected with the environment and how human activities impact and are impacted by the environment.

An understanding of environmental matters is essential in today’s world. Careers in natural resources, land use planning, business, energy, waste management, pollution control, law and environmental administration all require knowledge of environmental issues and the functioning of ecosystems. Career opportunities may require more discipline-specific studies in biology, geology or political science.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

1. Explain how human activities impact the environment and how the environment impacts human society over time.

2. Explain the interconnections among the lithosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere and atmosphere.

3. Apply critical thinking to establish connections and evaluate the extent to which human activities degrade, protect, or rehabilitate environmental health.

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Degree Awarded
Associate in Arts Degree, Environmental Studies

A.A. Degree Requirements

All students majoring in Environmental Studies must complete a set of departmental requirements consisting of courses that provide a basic understanding of the physical, biological and social sciences and their application to analysis of environmental processes and issues. As a general curriculum, this option is suitable for students to maintain a broad range of choices for their degree. Additional required courses stress the need for transfer possibilities or for growth potential in the environmental professions.

A.A. Degree: Environmental Studies

The following program will satisfy the core requirements and college requirements for graduation with an A.A. Degree, and includes additional recommended courses for transfer to most four-year institutions:

Department Requirements (27 Units)

ENVS 110 — Humans and the Biological Environment ......3
ENVS 111 — Environmental Field Studies ................1
ENVS 112/HIST 112 — American Environmental History ....3
ENVS 115/ERTH 115 — Environmental Geology ..........3
ENVS 115L/ERTH 115L — Environmental Geology Lab ....1
ENVS 116/ERTH 116 — Energy and Natural Resources ....3

Choose one or more courses from each of the following four areas:

Area A

CHEM 101 — Introductory Chemistry .......................4
CHEM 104 — Fundamentals of General, Organic and Biological Chemistry . . 4
CHEM 155 — General Chemistry I ..........................5
PHYS 101 — Conceptual Physics and
PHYS 101L — Conceptual Physics Lab or
PHYS 101H — Conceptual Physics, Honors .................4
PHYS 102 — Introduction to Physics for Science Majors ....4
PHYS 105 — General Physics ..................................4
PHYS 106 — General Physics .................................4
PHYS 121 — Mechanics of Solids and Fluids ................... 5
PHYS 122 — Electricity and Magnetism ........................ 5

**Area B**

BIOL 100 — Concepts of Biology .............................. 4
BIOL 101 — Plant Biology ................................. 5
BOT 121 — Plant Diversity ........................................ 4
BIOL 102 — Animal Biology ................................. 5
ZOOL 122 and 123 — Animal Diversity and Lab 4
BIOL 103 — Cell Biology ........................................ 5.5
ERTH 111 — Dynamic Earth-Physical Geology and
ERTH 111L — Dynamic Earth-Physical Geology Lab or
ERTH 111H — Dynamic Earth-Physical Geology Honors and
ERTH 111L — Dynamic Earth-Physical Geology Lab .. 4-5
ERTH 141 and 141L — Physical Geography and Lab or
GEOG 101 and 101L — Physical Geography and Lab....4

**Area C**

ANTH 103 — Introduction to Cultural Anthropology. ........ 3
ERTH 142/GEOG 105 — Economic Geography ............. 3
ECON 101 — Microeconomics .................................. 3
HIST 102 — History of the U.S. since 1865 or .......... 3
HIST 102H — History of the U.S. since 1865, Honors .. 4
HIST 140 — Great Issues in Public Policy .................. 3
HIST 151 — Science and Society ............................... 3
MATH 117 — Elementary Statistics or ..................... 3
MATH 117H — Elementary Statistics, Honors .......... 4
MATH 130 — Calculus for Biological Sciences,
Social Sciences and Business I ................................ 5
MATH 150 — Calculus with Analytic Geometry I .......... 5
PHIL 101 — Introduction to Ethics or ..................... 3
PHIL 101H — Introduction to Ethics, Honors .......... 4
POLS 101 — American Government and Politics .......... 3
POLS 104 — American Government:
Policy Issues/Process ........................................... 3

**Area D**

CS 131 — Assembly Lang. Prog. .............................. 4
CS 135 — Programming Fundamentals ....................... 3
ERTH 172/GEOG 172 — GIS Software Applications .... 2
MATH 131 — Calculus for Biological
Sciences, Soc. Sciences and Business II ............... 3
MATH 160 — Calculus with Analytic Geometry II ........ 5

**College Requirements**

For Complete information, see “Graduation Requirements” in the Catalog Index.

**Planning a Program for Transfer**

Special problems confront the student planning to transfer to a four-year university. Major requirements in Environmental Studies differ from school to school and within a single institution by major emphasis. You should work closely with the Counseling Center or a faculty adviser for the Environmental Studies Program.

**Course Descriptions**

ENVS 110 — Humans and the Biological Environment
(3) — CSU, UC
*Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or 110H
Hours: 54 lecture
Growth and variations in populations of organisms
and their interactions with the physical environment.
Characteristics of living natural resources and
changes caused by expanding human populations
and technological developments. Satisfies SBCC
General Education requirement in Natural Sciences
when combined with ENVS 111. Required for the
Environmental Studies major.

ENVS 111 — Environmental Field Studies
(1) — CSU, UC*
*Corequisites: ENVS 110
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or 110H
Hours: 54 lab
Field studies designed to demonstrate general
ecological/environmental principles through exposure
to and analysis of many different communities and
sites of environmental concern. Satisfies SBCC
General Education requirement in Natural Sciences
when combined with ENVS 110. (‘UC transfer limit: no
credit for ENVS 111 unless taken after or concurrently
with ENVS 110)
ENVS 112/HIST 112 —
American Environmental History
(3) — CSU, UC
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or 110H
Hours: 54 lecture
Traces the course of American attitudes and actions towards the environment, from the Indians and the European immigrants of colonial days to the 1980s. Discusses current environmental problems and shows their context in American development.

ENVS 115/ERTH 115 —
Environmental Geology
(3) — CSU, UC
Skills Advisories: MATH 1 and ENG 103
Course Advisories: Concurrent enrollment in ENVS 115L/ERTH 115L and 131 or 132
Hours: 54 lecture
Introduction to the problems of volcanism, earthquakes, fire, floods, landslides and other geologic hazards; air and water pollution, hazardous materials and land use planning. Applications to the Santa Barbara area emphasized. Required of all Environmental Studies majors.

ENVS 115L/ERTH 115L —
Environmental Geology Laboratory
(1) — CSU, UC
Corequisites: ENVS 115/ERTH 115
Skills Advisories: MATH 1; ENG 103
Hours: 54 lab
Laboratory approach to topics covered in ENVS 115, with emphasis on rock and mineral identification, hazard assessment, geologic resource management and land use planning. In-lab field trips.

ENVS 116/ERTH 116 —
Energy and Natural Resources
(3) — CSU, UC
Skills Advisories: MATH 4 and ENG 103
Hours: 54 lecture
Study of formation, exploration, development and judicious use of natural resources in relation to present and future energy requirements, electricity, conservation, fossil fuels, solar, geothermal, nuclear and hydrogen. Required of all Environmental Studies majors.

ENVS 200 — Projects in Sustainability
(2) — CSU
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or 110H
Hours: 36 lecture
Students work in groups to develop or continue projects that make the college and local community more sustainable (meets the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations to meet their own needs). Lectures, discussions and workshops provide the student with current knowledge in environmental science, sustainable practices, and real world skills needed to implement practical solutions to local environmental and social problems.

ENVS 295 — Internship in Environmental Studies
(2-4) — CSU
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or 110H
Limitation on Enrollment: Student must have completed a minimum of 2 units in ENVS or a minimum of 3 units in any of the following: EH, GLST, BIOL or ERTH
Hours: 108-273 lab
Structured on-the-job experience in a field directly related to the student’s area of interest in environmental studies.