

# ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE MAJOR WITH ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY OPTION, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS)

Environmental Science is an interdisciplinary field that combines physical, chemical and biological sciences with social, political and economic understanding needed to study the environment and address environmental problems. The Environmental Science program integrates classroom work in biology, chemistry, geology and social sciences (economics and planning) with extensive field, lab and research experience. All students take a core of Environmental Science courses complemented by a concentration in one of the three core sciences (biology, chemistry, and geology). Motivated students have the opportunity to obtain a double major in both Environmental Science and their concentration area. Graduates leave Eastern with the necessary professional and technical skills for employment in the environmental profession or entry into graduate or professional school.

## Major Requirements for Environmental Science

Each student should meet with an advisor when declaring environmental science as a major.

**Students should start the program with the necessary mathematics background to enter into the calculus or statistics sequence.**

MATH 141	PRECALCULUS I (or equivalent)
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**It is recommended that students complete these required courses within the first two years.**

ENVS 100	INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
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BIOL 171	BIOLOGY I
& BIOL 172	and BIOLOGY II
& BIOL 173	and BIOLOGY III

CHEM 171	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I
& 171L	and GENERAL CHEMISTRY LABORATORY I
& CHEM 172	and GENERAL CHEMISTRY II
& CHEM 172L	and GENERAL CHEMISTRY LABORATORY II
& CHEM 173	and GENERAL CHEMISTRY III
& CHEM 173L	and GENERAL CHEMISTRY LABORATORY III

GEOS 111	THE EARTH'S INTERIOR
& GEOS 112	and THE EARTH'S SURFACE

**All Environmental Science students must take a junior year and a final senior year environmental seminar.**

ENVS 300	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE JUNIOR SEMINAR	1
ENVS 400	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SENIOR SEMINAR	1

Note: some course options may not result in there being 60 upper division credits required for graduation within the major—advisor consultation is required.

**Grade Requirements:** students must maintain an average GPA  $\geq 2.0$  in the major to graduate from the program.

Note: may only count BIOL 380 once.

## Environmental Science Required Courses

BIOL 171	BIOLOGY I	5
BIOL 172	BIOLOGY II	5
BIOL 173	BIOLOGY III	5
BIOL 270	BIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION	3
BIOL 440	ECOLOGY	4
CHEM 171	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I	15
& 171L	and GENERAL CHEMISTRY LABORATORY I	
& CHEM 172	and GENERAL CHEMISTRY II	
& CHEM 172L	and GENERAL CHEMISTRY LABORATORY II	
& CHEM 173	and GENERAL CHEMISTRY III	
& CHEM 173L	and GENERAL CHEMISTRY LABORATORY III	
DSCI 245	BUSINESS STATISTICS 1 (may only count BIOL 380 once)	4-5
or BIOL 380	DATA ANALYSIS FOR BIOLOGISTS	
or MATH 380	ELEMENTARY PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS	
DSCI 346	BUSINESS STATISTICS 2 (may only count BIOL 380 once)	4-5
or BIOL 380	DATA ANALYSIS FOR BIOLOGISTS	
or MATH 161	CALCULUS I	
ECON 100	GENERAL EDUCATION ECONOMICS	5
ENVS 100	INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	5
ENVS 300	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE JUNIOR SEMINAR	1
ENVS 400	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SENIOR SEMINAR	1
GEOG 323	GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS I: SPATIAL ANALYSIS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES	5
GEOL 320	ENVIRONMENTAL GEOLOGY	4
GEOL 470	GROUNDWATER HYDROLOGY	4
GEOS 111	THE EARTH'S INTERIOR	5
GEOS 112	THE EARTH'S SURFACE	5
PLAN 431	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS	3
<b>Environmental Biology—Required General Biological Knowledge—choose one of the following</b>		<b>5</b>
BIOL 301	MICROBIOLOGY	
BIOL 302	BOTANY	
BIOL 303	INVERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY	
BIOL 304	VERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY	
<b>Electives—Upper division electives with advisor's consent.</b>		<b>20</b>
<b>Required Senior Capstone</b>		
BIOL 490	SENIOR CAPSTONE	5
Total Credits		113-115

## University Competencies and Proficiencies

English (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#newitemtext>)

Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#mathcompproficienciestext>)

Placement and Clearance Exams (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/placement/>)

Prior Learning/Sources of Credit AP, CLEP, IB (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/prior-learning/>)

General Education Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#generaleducationrequirementsger>) (**GER**)

- Minimum Credits—180 cumulative credit hours
  - 60 upper-division credits (300 level or above)
  - 45 credits in residence (attendance) at Eastern, with at least 15 upper-division credits in major in residence at Eastern
- Minimum Cumulative GPA  $\geq 2.0$

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Breadth Area Core Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#generaleducationcorerequirementsgecrtext>) (**BACR**)

Humanities and Arts (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#humanitiesandfineartsgecrtext>)  
Natural Sciences (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#naturalsciencesgecrtext>)  
Social Sciences (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#socialsciencesgecrtext>)

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University Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#universitygraduationrequirementsugr>) (**UGR**)

Diversity Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#cultureandgenderdiversityintheuslisttext>)  
Foreign Language (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#foreignlanguageugrtext>) (for Bachelor of Arts)  
Global Studies Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#internationalstudiesrequirementtext>)  
Minor or Certificate (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#majorminororcertificateugrtext>)  
Senior Capstone Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#capstonecourselisttext>)

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All admitted students must officially Declare a Major (<https://inside.ewu.edu/center-for-academic-advising-and-retention/academic-planning-tools/declare-your-major/>) by the time they reach 90 credits (junior standing).

Application for Graduation (use EagleNET (<https://inside.ewu.edu/eaglenet/>)) must be made at least two terms in advance of the term you expect to graduate (undergraduate and post-baccalaureate).

Use the Catalog Archives (<https://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/>) to determine two important catalog years (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#activecatalogruletext>).

SOAR (<https://soar.ewu.edu/selfservice/general/home.html>) calculates based on these two catalog years.

1. The catalog *in effect at the student's first term* of current matriculation is used to determine **BACR** (Breadth Area Credit Requirements) and **UGR** (Undergraduate Graduation Requirements).
2. The catalog *in effect at the time the student declares a major or minor* is used to determine the program requirements.

**Students who successfully earn a BS in Environmental Science Major with Environmental Biology from EWU should be able to do the following:**

- demonstrate effective oral, graphical, and written communication abilities, and critical thinking skills as related to the environmental sciences;
- demonstrate knowledge of the interrelationships among the physical and biological components of ecosystems;
- develop an integrated knowledge of major concepts in the area of environmental sciences and an understanding of fundamental roles that biology, chemistry, and geology play in environmental science;
- develop sufficient preparation in the environmental sciences to successfully compete in a graduate or professional program, or to realize employment in an environmental sciences-related career;
- use epistemologically sound quantitative techniques for the analysis of biotic and abiotic samples and systems.