

BS in Environmental Sciences with Emphasis in Land and Soil

Degree Program Description

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Major Program Requirements

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Students earning a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences are required to complete all University general education (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>), University graduation (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>), and degree requirements, including selected foundational courses, which may fulfill some University general education requirements.

Foundational

MATH 1100 or MATH 1160	College Algebra Precalculus Mathematics	3-5
MATH 1400 or MATH 1500	Calculus for Social and Life Sciences I Analytic Geometry and Calculus I	3-5
CHEM 1320	College Chemistry I	4
Business Elective (select from ABM, FINPLN, MANGMT, MRKTNG)		3
ABM 2123 or STAT 1200	Quantitative Applications in Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences Introductory Statistical Reasoning	3
ENV_SC 1100	Introduction to Environmental Science	3
AGSC_COM 2220	Verbal Communication in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources	3
ATM_SC 1050	Introductory Meteorology	3
NAT_R 2325 or GEOG 3040	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems Introduction to Geographic Information Systems GIS	3

ENV_SC 4560 or ABM 1200	Observing the Earth from Space Applied Computer Applications	3
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Core Emphasis Area

Biological Science

BIO_SC 1200 or PLNT_SCI 2110	General Botany with Laboratory Plants and their Cultivation	3
BIO_SC 1500	Introduction to Biological Systems with Laboratory	5
FOREST 4320 or BIO_SC 3650	Forest Ecology General Ecology	5

Chemistry

CHEM 1330	College Chemistry II	4
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Geology

GEOL 1100 or GEOL 1200	Introduction to the Earth with Laboratory Environmental Geology with Laboratory	4
GEOL 2400	Surficial Earth Processes and Products with Laboratory	4

Policy/Regulation

NAT_R 4353 or ENV_SC 4400W	Natural Resource Policy/Administration Environmental Law, Policy, and Justice - Writing Intensive	3
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Soil Science

SOIL 2100	Introduction to Soils	3
SOIL 2106	Soil Science Laboratory	2

Physics

SOIL 4305	Environmental Soil Physics	3
SOIL 4306 or PHYSICS 1210	Environmental Soil Physics Laboratory College Physics I	4

Additional Emphasis Area Requirements

FOREST 2151	Dendrology	4
ENV_SC 2600	Sustainability Foundations: An Introduction to Sustainability	3
ENV_SC 3250	Pollutant Fate and Transport	3
SOIL 4313 or FOREST 4330 or F_W 4600	Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition Practice of Silviculture Ecosystem Management	3-4
ENV_SC 4940	Environmental Science Internship	3

UpperLevel Disciplinary Electives 15

Select from the following courses to achieve an additional 15 credits. Must take at least one Atmospheric, Environmental, or Soil Science course, and one course that involved computer modeling.

ATM_SC 3600	Climates of the World	
AG_S_TCH 4360	Precision Agriculture Science and Technology	
AG_S_TCH 4420	Surface Water Management	
ENV_SC 4305	Environmental Soil Physics	
ENV_SC 4306	Environmental Soil Physics Laboratory	
ENV_SC 4312	Environmental Soil Microbiology	
ENV_SC 4318	Environmental Soil Chemistry	
ENV_SC 4320	Hydrologic and Water Quality Modeling	
ENV_SC 4450	Environmental Hydrology	
F_W 4500	Animal Population Dynamics and Management	
ENV_SC 4600W	Sustainability Science Problem Solving - Writing Intensive	

F_W 4600W	Ecosystem Management - Writing Intensive	3
FOREST 3207	Forest Fire Control and Use	
FOREST 4380	Forest Resource Management	
FOREST 4390	Watershed Management and Water Quality	
GEOG 3610	Physical Geography of the United States	
GEOG 3630	Earth Surface Systems	
GEOG 3830	Remote Sensing	
GEOG 4710	Spatial Analysis in Geography	
GEOG 4940	Advanced Geographic Information Systems (GIS II)	
NAT_R 4110	Natural Resource Biometrics	
NAT_R 4385	Landscape Ecology and GIS Analysis I	
PLNT_SCI 3270	Forage Crops	
PLNT_SCI 3275	Grain Crops	
SOIL 4313	Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition	
Capstone Experience		4
SOIL 4320	Genesis of Soil Landscapes	

Electives approved by professional advisor to complete 120 total credits.

ENV_SC 4306	2 Humanities Elective	3
Emphasis Area Elective	3 NAT_R 4353	3
GEOG 2400	4	
	16	13

Total Credits: 120

Semester Plan

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
HIST 1100 or POL_SC 1100	3	ENGLSH 1000	3
ENV_SC 1100	3	MATH 1100	3
BIO_SC 1200	5	BIO_SC 1500	5
ATM_SC 1050	3	SOIL 2100	3
	14		14

Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
CHEM 1320	4	CHEM 1330	4
AGSC_COM 2220	3	Emphasis Area Elective	3
FOREST 4320	5	GEOG 1200	4
ENV_SC 2600	3	SOIL 2106	2
		Business Elective	3
	15		16

Third Year					
Fall	CR	Spring	CR	Summer	CR
STAT 1200	3	NAT_R 2325	3	ENV_SC 4940	3
FOREST 2151	4	ENV_SC 3250	3		
ABM 1200	3	MATH 1400	3		
ENV_SC 3290	3	Humanities Elective-Lower Level WI	3		
		Emphasis Area Elective	4		
	13		16		3

Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
SOIL 4320	4	FOREST 4330	4
ENV_SC 4305	3	Emphasis Area Elective-Upper Level WI	3