

# BA in Interdisciplinary with Emphasis in Environmental Studies

## Degree Program Description

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## Major Program Requirements

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Students in this major must complete 5 specified Core courses to fulfill College of Arts and Science Foundation Requirements and an additional 39 hours minimum for the major. In addition, students must complete all university graduation requirements and Arts and Science Foundation Requirements. A minimum grade of C- is required for courses taken for the major. A minimum cumulative GPA in all major coursework is 2.0.

In addition, students must complete all College of Arts and Science and University graduation requirements (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>), including University general education (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>).

## Required Core Coursework

Biological, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences

- Complete a general education approved Biological Sciences course. BIO\_SC 1010, BIO\_SC 1060, BIO\_SC 1200, or BIO\_SC 1500 are recommended course options.
- Complete a general education approved Geology course. GEOL 1100 or GEOL 1200 are the recommended course options.

- Complete a general education approved Chemistry course. CHEM 1100, CHEM 1320 and CHEM 1330 are recommended course options.
- One lecture with a corresponding laboratory must be completed.
- Laboratories should be taken with the corresponding lecture or after the lecture course is completed, but not before completing the corresponding lecture course.

Social Sciences

- Complete a general education approved Economics or Agricultural Economics course. ECONOM 1014, ECONOM 1015, ABM 1041, or ABM 1042 are recommended.

## Major Requirements

Policies

- A total of 39 hours is required for the major.
- Students must complete 30 hours numbered 2000 or higher in the major.
- 18 hours numbered 3000 level or higher are required in the major.
- D-range grades are not allowed in the major.
- A minimum grade of C- is required for courses taken for the major.
- A minimum cumulative GPA in all major coursework is 2.0.

Natural Dimensions

- Complete 15 hours of coursework in this section.
- The course levels will be determined by the academic advisor.
- Refer to the list of Natural Dimensions (<https://omd.missouri.edu/?q=env-st/courses/natural-dimensions>) courses to find options.

Social Dimensions

- Complete 15 hours of coursework in this section.
- The course levels will be determined by the academic advisor.
- Refer to the list of Social Dimensions (<https://omd.missouri.edu/?q=env-st/courses/social-dimensions>) courses to find options.

Practicum Core

- Complete ABM 2070W or NAT\_R 2160.
- Complete 3 hours of Service Learning, Internships, or Readings.
- Complete an additional 3 hours of Service Learning, Internships, or Readings.
- Service Learning, Internship, or Readings can be taken as a single course for 6 hours.

## Service Learning, Internships, & Readings

Policies

- The Capstone must be completed in the final 45 hours of coursework.
- Students must earn a C- or higher to fulfill the Capstone requirement.
- Students must have a Capstone approved by their academic advisor.
- Students may complete an Internship or Readings that is not used as a Capstone.
- Students may not earn retroactive credit for internships.

Internships 4940

- Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to apply for approval of an internship project.

- Students must not have any active Student Conduct holds.
- Students may not complete an internship at an existing position.
- Students must work 50 hours for each credit hour earned.
- During the Internship period, students must submit the following assignments:
  - a. a well-written proposal outlining the details of the internship must accompany the application
  - b. a carefully-prepared factual report about the internship which addresses the questions outlined in the student's internship proposal
  - c. a résumé which includes the student's internship experience and documents the tangible skills they attained while working
  - d. an interpretative essay in which students connect what they have learned from their internship experience with their academic work in their individualized major
- Internship supervisors must submit a performance evaluation.
- Internships receive a grade of S or U (pass/fail).
- The Office of Multidisciplinary Degrees reserves the right to deny internship project approval to any student it believes will not be a good representative of the University.

Readings 4960

Students work independently with MU faculty on research and/or professional projects. A student finds a campus professor with whom to work. Together, they create concrete objectives for a meaningful project. The professor guides and supervises the student towards completion of the project and is responsible for awarding a letter grade for the course.

Service-Learning 4970

Service-Learning provides hands-on experience in service experiences that are coordinated in collaboration with MU and the community. Service-Learning experiences create valuable learning environments for students as they connect with the community in partnerships that provide effective and far-reaching assistance to those in need. To apply, students must have a 2.5 GPA or higher.

## Semester Plan

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
MATH 1100, 1050, or STAT 1200		3 General Education Biological Science Course	5
POL_SC 1100		3 General Education Chemistry Course	4
GEOL 1200		4 ENGLSH 1000	3
General Education Humanities Course		3 General Education Behavioral Science Course	3
		<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>

Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
General Education Social Science Course 2000+		3 ABM 2070W	3
General Education Humanities Course		3 Second Language II	4-5
General Education Behavioral Science Course		3 General Education Economics Course	3
Second Language I		4-5 General Education Humanities Courses 2000+	6

General Elective Course 1000+		3		
		<b>16-17</b>	<b>16-17</b>	
Third Year				
Fall	CR	Spring	CR	
Natural Dimensions Course 2000+		3 Natural Dimensions Course 2000+		3
A&S Diversity		3 Natural Dimensions Course 3000+		3
Second Language III		3-4 Social Dimensions Courses 3000+		6
Writing Intensive 1000+		6 Writing-Intensive/Social Dimensions Course 3000+		3
		<b>15-16</b>	<b>15</b>	
Fourth Year				
Fall	CR	Spring	CR	
Natural Dimensions Course 3000+		3 Natural Dimensions Course 3000+		3
Social Dimensions Course 3000+		3 Internship, Readings or Service Learning Project		3
Internship, Readings or Service Learning Project		3 General Elective Courses 1000+		7
General Elective Courses 1000+		6		
		<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	

**Total Credits: 118-121**