

Environmental Studies

Guidelines & Requirements

for

Majors and Minors

MAJOR in Environmental Studies

The Environmental Studies MAJOR requires nine courses as part of a three-prong program:

A.) Four required core courses

1. **ENVS 101 People and the Environment**
2. **ENVS 102 Science and the Environment**
3. **ENVS 301 Junior Practicum Seminar**
4. **ENVS Senior Experience:**
either:
ENVS 401 Senior Project
or
ENVS 451-452 Senior Research

B.) Five distribution courses

5. **One environmental methods course from among this list:**
 - ENVS 230-Introduction to Environmental Mapping
 - ENVS 240- Environmental Politics and Decision Making
 - ENVS 262- Environmental Dispute Resolution
 - ENVS 274- Ecosystem Management
6. **One environmental course from the Humanities or Arts Division**
(e.g. ENGL 291, HIST 281, REL 205, ENVS/ARTS 256)
7. **One environmental course from the Social Sciences Division**
(e.g. ECON 427, ENVS 245, ENVS 262, POSC 328, PSYC 255, SA 244)
8. **One environmental course from the Sciences Division**
(e.g. BIOL 202, GEOL 200, CHEM 212, ENVS 274)
9. **One elective course from the distribution course list** (No double counting permitted.)

C.) A concentration

Generally, concentrations consist of 6-8 courses that can be completed in one of three ways:

- I. **A disciplinary minor** with a demonstrable relevance to ENVS
- II. **A second major** with demonstrable relevance to ENVS
- III. **A self-designed interdisciplinary concentration** of at least six courses plus a full year of senior research.
(see reverse side for more on the Concentration Proposal Process)

Study Abroad Programs

Students are encouraged to participate in a Study Abroad Program when appropriate to enhance the concentration area or otherwise supplement course offerings at Denison. Students must go abroad prior to their senior year. Students considering studying abroad are encouraged to do so in the Spring semester. Further, any courses taken abroad that serve as substitutes for courses listed above or which are otherwise used to satisfy elements of the Environmental Studies major must be approved in advance of the student's departure for the off-campus program by the Environmental Studies Program Committee. No more than three courses from study abroad programs may be counted towards a student's concentration.

The Concentration Proposal Process

All ENVS majors must complete a concentration as part of their degree requirements. The concentration gives students the opportunity to select a particular area of interest within Environmental Studies and to pursue a sequence of advanced coursework within it. Sophomores that have officially declared or expressed interest in ENVS as a major will be contacted in late fall or early spring semester in order to initiate the concentration proposal process.

In brief, this process involves working with an ENVS advisor to identify an area of concentration, which may be disciplinary or interdisciplinary. In the case of the former, the concentration requirement can be satisfied by completing a second major or one of the existing minors in Denison's curriculum (in addition to your ENVS major). When choosing the interdisciplinary route, students will work with their advisors to create a logical course of study with classes drawn from a variety of disciplinary perspectives.

After consulting with an ENVS advisor, students will submit a formal concentration proposal to the ENVS committee for consideration. Typically, the proposal is due in mid-February. It is very important for students to communicate regularly with their ENVS advisor so that the concentration process can be concluded in a timely fashion.

MINOR in Environmental Studies

The Environmental Studies MINOR requires six courses:

- 1. ENVS 101- People and the Environment**
- 2. ENVS 102- Science and the Environment**
- 3. One environmental methods course** from among this list: (others may be added with the approval of the ENVS Program Committee.)
 - ENVS 230- Introduction to Environmental Mapping
 - ENVS 240- Environmental Politics and Decision Making
 - ENVS 262- Environmental Dispute Resolution
 - ENVS 274- Ecosystem Management
- 4. One environmental course from the Humanities or Arts Division** (e.g. ENGL 291, HIST 281, REL 205)
- 5. One environmental course from the Social Sciences Division** (e.g. ECON 427, ENVS 245, ENVS 262, POSC 328, PSYC 225, SA 244)
- 6. One environmental course from the Sciences Division** (e.g. BIOL 202, GEOL 200, CHEM 212, ENVS 274)