

Major Map: Environmental Studies Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

College of Arts and Sciences School of Earth, Ocean & Environment Bulletin Year: 2025-2026

This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding "critical courses" for this particular Program of Study.

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Critical				GPA ²	Code	Prerequisites	Notes
Semes	ter One (16-17 Credit Hours)						
	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	С		CC-CMW		
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement ³	3-4			CC-ARP		
	Carolina Core SCI Requirement⁴	4			CC-SCI		
	Foreign language ⁵ or other Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CC-GFL		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University	3			PR/CC		
	or Carolina Core Requirement ³						
Semes	ter Two (16-17 Credit Hours)						
	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	С		CC-CMW	C or better in ENGL 101	
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	Carolina Core ARP Requirement ³	3-4			CC-ARP		
	Carolina Core SCI Requirement ⁴	4			CC-SCI		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CC		
	Foreign language ⁵ or other Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CC-GFL		
Semes	ter Three (17 Credit Hours)						
	ENVR 201 Environmental Science & Policy I (fall only)	4	С		MR/CC-	Sophomore Standing	
					INT		
	Additional Science Course ⁴	4			PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CC		
	History ⁶	3			CR		
	Foreign language ⁵ or other Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CR/CC-		
					GFL		
Semes	ter Four (16-17 Credit Hours)						
	ENVR 202 Environmental Science and Policy II (spring	4	С		MR/CC-		
	only)				INT		
	Environmental Studies Major Course ⁷	3-4	С		MR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	Social Science	3			CR		
_	Carolina Core Requirement ³ or Elective ⁸	3			CC/PR		
Semes	ter Five (12-14 Credit Hours)			ı			
	Environmental Studies Major Course ⁷	3-4	С		MR		
	Environmental Studies Major Course ⁷	3-4	С		MR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³ or Elective ⁸	3			CC/PR		
	ter Six (15-17 Credit Hours)			1			
	Environmental Studies Major Course ⁷	3-4	С		MR		
	Environmental Studies Major Course ⁷	3-4	С		MR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	Elective ⁸	3			PR		
0	Elective ⁸	3			PR		
Semes	ter Seven (15-17 Credit Hours)	0.4			MS		
	Environmental Studies Major Course ⁷	3-4	C		MR		
	Environmental Studies Major Course ⁷	3-4	С		MR		
-	Elective ⁸	3			PR		-
	Elective ⁸	3			PR		-
	Elective ⁸	3			PR		
Semes	ter Eight (12-13 Credit Hours)						
	ENVR 480 Environmental Issues Seminar	3	С		MR		
	Environmental Studies Major Course ⁷	3-4	С		MR		
	Elective ⁸	3			PR		ļ
	Elective ⁸	3			PR		

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	36	40-52	32-44	2.000

- 1. Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA.
- 2. Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
- 3. The Carolina Core provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.

4. Required Science courses (12 hours): 8 hours must be Carolina Core approved*. Choose from the following:

BIOL 101 & 101L – Biological Principles I (4)*	MSCI 101 – The Ocean Environment (4)* (fall only)
or MSCI 102 - The Living Ocean (4)* (spring only)	
BIOL 102 & 102L – Biological Principles II (4)*	MSCI 210 & 210L – Oceans and Society (4)*
or MSCI 311 – Biology of Marine Organisms (4) (fall only)	
CHEM 111 & 111L – General Chemistry I (4)*	GEOL 103 – Environment of the Earth (4)*
ENVR 101 & 101L – Introduction to the Environment (4)*	GEOG 201 – Landform Geography (4)
GEOL 101 – Introduction to the Earth (4)*	PHYS 201 & 201L – General Physics I (4)*
or GEOL 201 – Observing the Earth (4) (fall only)	or PHYS 211 & 211L – Essentials of Physics I (4)*

- Students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score.
- 6. The College of Arts and Sciences requires one U.S. History and one non-U.S. History course, both of which must be chosen from the approved Carolina Core GHS courses. Whichever is not fulfilled through the Carolina Core GHS requirement must be fulfilled through this college requirement.
- 7. Environmental Studies Major Courses: Students must take the required courses from each category in the table below, as well as 12 hours of major electives (see course options in the Bulletin). Students, in consultation with their advisor, will develop a program of study to meet their educational goals in environmental studies courses. For the 12 hours of major electives, at least 6 credit hours must be at the 400-level or above and at least 6 credit hours must have an ENVR designator above ENVR 230. The list of courses from which students may select their additional major courses, in consultation with their advisor, is located on the Bulletin.

Select two of the following courses from Environment and Society:	Select one of the following courses from Laboratory Science: BIOL 301
ENVR 321, ENVR/PHIL 322, ENVR 331, ENVR/ANTH 341,	& 301L*, GEOL/MSCI 335, GEOL 315*, or GEOG 202
ENVR/AFAM 348, ENVR 352, ENVR/GEOG 538, ENVR 540, 548, HIST	
360, 448, POLI 478, MSCI 390, ENGL 434, GEOG 321, 343, 347, GEOL	
560, or ANTH 525	
Select one of the following courses from Skills: ENVR 460, GEOG 263,	
551, JOUR 507, MART 371*, POLI 475, SCHC 486 or SOCY 391	

^{*}See Bulletin for listed prerequisites

8. No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Program Notes:

- Courses identified as "critical" must be completed in the student's first 60 semester hours of work in order for these courses to be credited toward graduation.
- All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade that covers the founding documents. This course may
 fulfill any requirement in the program of study. Courses that meet this requirement are listed in the academic bulletin.
- Environmental Studies majors may enroll in a major course a maximum of twice to earn the required grade of C or higher. For the purposes of progression, withdrawal with a W does not constitute enrollment.
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

University Requirements: Bachelor's degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the Carolina Core page on the University website

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Codes:				
CC	Carolina Core	CC-INF	Carolina Core – Information Literacy	
CC-AIU	Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding	CC-INT	Carolina Core – Integrative Course	
CC-ARP	Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving	CC-SCI	Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy	
CC-CMS	Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component	CC-VSR	Carolina Core - Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility	
CC-CMW	Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component	CR	College Requirement	
CC-GFL	Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language	MR	Major Requirement	
CC-GHS	Carolina Core – Historical Thinking	PR	Program Requirement	
CC-GSS	Carolina Core – Social Sciences	•		

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.