

Environmental Studies (minor)

The Environmental Studies minor offers students an overview of environmental perspectives in:

- biology
- geology
- religion
- literature
- geography

Students choose from a variety of courses that span environmental writers and the ethics of environmental decisions to ecology and the availability of water resources. Courses are geared to benefit both science and liberal studies majors.

Many students who minor in Environmental Studies are planning careers in environmental law or education.

Minor in Environmental Studies

Five courses, 17-20 credits of which two courses (minimum 6 credits) must be upper division. Note: BIOL 352 may be substituted for BIOL 118 /GEOL 118 provided prerequisites are met.

Lower Division:

GEOL 152/152L	Introduction to Environmental Science and Intro Environmental Science Lab	4
BIOL 118/118L	The Oceans and The Oceans Lab	4
or GEOL 118/118L	The Oceans	
CHEM 111/111L	Chemistry and the Environment and Chemistry and the Environment Lab	4
ENGL 216	Environmental Literature	4

Upper Division:

BIOL 325/325L	Environmental Ecology and Environmental Ecology Lab	4
BIOL 345/345L	Marine Biology and Marine Biology Lab	4
BIOL 452/452L		4
GEOL 395/395L	Water Resources and Lab Field Studies Water Resources	4
REL 352	Environmental Ethics	4

Courses

Lower Division

EES 111. Physical Geology. (3).

A systematic analysis of the Earth, inside and out, its rocks, minerals, soils and water. This involves the study of the processes by which these materials are formed and are constantly changed, including how mountains are created and then eroded by streams, wind and glaciers. Volcanoes, earthquakes and plate tectonics are also covered. Field trips. Lecture, 3 hours/week.

EES 111L. Physical Geology Lab. (1).

Hands-on study of rocks and minerals, topographic and air photo interpretation and a variety of geologic exercises that help understand the geologic processes and landforms studied in GEOL 111. Laboratory, 2 hours/week. Prerequisite or corequisite: EES-111.

EES 112. Historical Geology. (3).

The study of the ancient distribution of land and sea and change in life through geologic time. Lecture, 3 hours/week. Prerequisite: EES-111.

EES 112L. Historical Geology Lab. (1).

Includes fossil identification, geologic map interpretation and paleogeographic problems. Prerequisite or corequisite: EES-112.

EES 118. The Oceans. (4).

A general survey of geological and biological processes in the oceans with a strong environmental emphasis. Laboratory exercises and field trips complement lecture material. (Cross-listed with BIOL 118).

EES 118L. The Oceans Lab. (0).

Co-requisite: EES-118 (Cross-listed with BIOL-118L).

EES 151. Physical Geography. (3).

A systematic study of the nature of basic physical elements of human habitat, especially climate, landforms and Earth resources.

EES 151L. Physical Geography Lab. (1).

EES 152. Introduction to Environmental Science. (4).

An examination of the relationship between people and the physical environment. Topics include geologic hazards such as volcanoes and earthquakes; pollution of land, air and water; park conservation; energy alternatives; and global challenges such as ozone depletion and human-induced climate change. Lecture, 3 hours/week; Laboratory required, 2 hours/week.

EES 212. Dinosaurs. (4).

A survey of the non-avian dinosaurs includes: anatomical comparisons of the major dinosaur groups, plus flying and swimming vertebrates of the Mesozoic Era: new discoveries such as dinosaur eggs and nesting sites, the emergence of birds, soft tissue preservation, and the search for genetic material; a review of the process of fossilization; the paleogeography of the Mesozoic world; and the geological background relevant to dinosaur studies. Lab activities are integrated into the meeting times of the lecture course.

EES 224. Planetary Geology. (4).

This course will focus on the Earth and its local planetary neighbors utilizing the vast amount of information that has been and continues to be acquired by space probes as well as manned lunar missions. Exposure to comparisons with other nearby planets and planetary objects will allow a better understanding of the Earth, especially our impact on climate and resources. New discoveries and observations in planetary geology demonstrate how the field of geology has changed dramatically since the inception of the "space age". This class will provide students with new insights into planetary evolution, the impact of the space program on our societal needs, and challenge them to critically evaluate data. Lecture, 3 hours/week; Laboratory, 2 hours/week.

EES 282C. ST: Selected Topic (Core). (1-4).

Select Topic approved for core requirement.

Upper Division

EES 305. Climate Change. (4).

This course investigates how contemporary/anthropogenic climate change compares to climate variations over Earth's long history, including our scientific understanding of its causes and its local and global impacts. An overview of the physical components of Earth's climate system is discussed. The course includes both lecture and laboratory experiences. Prerequisite: EES 111 or EES 152. Offered Fall semesters.

EES 311. Crystallography & Mineralogy. (5).

Covers morphological crystallography, crystal chemistry, relation of mineral properties to their internal structure, recognition of selected minerals in hand specimen and optical techniques used for mineral identification (use of the polarizing microscope). Lecture, 3 hours/week; Laboratory, 6 hours/week. Prerequisites or corequisites: EES-112; Chem-151.

EES 312. Petrology. (5).

The study of the origin, occurrence, classification and identification of igneous and metamorphic rocks in hand specimen. Lecture, 4 hours/week; Laboratory, 3 hours/week. Prerequisite: EES-311.

EES 331. Invertebrate Paleontology. (4).

A survey of the study of ancient life as revealed in the fossil record. Lecture stresses evolutionary theory and the history of life; lab surveys major invertebrate fossil taxa with emphasis on taxonomy and functional morphology. Lecture, 3 hours/week; Laboratory, 3 hours/week. Prerequisite: EES-112.

EES 331L. Invertebrate Paleontology Lab. (0).

EES 332. Stratigraphy & Sedimentation. (4).

The study of sedimentary rocks, sites of deposition, postdepositional changes and sedimentary tectonics. Lecture, 3 hours/week; Laboratory, 3 hours/week.

EES 332L. Stratigraphy & Sediment Lab. (0).

EES 335. Structural Geology. (5).

The discussion of primary and secondary rock structures, with particular reference to crustal deformation. Lecture, 3 hours/week; Laboratory, 6 hours/week.

EES 335L. Structural Geology Lab. (0).

EES 390. Introduction to Soils. (4).

Soil Science encompasses a broad spectrum of integrated sciences that include biology, chemistry, earth/geological sciences, physics, horticulture and ecology. Lectures will introduce you to many of the subdivisions of soil science that include: agriculture and nutrient management, soil formation and pedology, soil classifications, soil biology, soil physics and soil chemistry. Lab exercises are designed to provide you with some hands on experience pertinent to the subdivisions of Soil Science.

EES 390L. Intro to Soils Lab. (0).

EES 395. Water Resources. (3).

An introduction to the principles of surface and groundwater hydrology and to problems related to water utilization. Includes water distribution and availability, alternatives for increasing future water supply, water pollution and mitigation, and water rights law.

EES 395L. Lab & Field Studies Water Resources. (1).

Water sampling and testing; simulation of groundwater movement and contaminant migration; stream-table modeling of fluvial landforms. Field trips to study geologic and hydrologic characteristics of areas important to water supply in California and the Southwest.

EES 405. Geophysics. (4).

An interdisciplinary study of how to use geophysical observations of the Earth's gravitational and magnetic fields, seismic wave velocities and subsurface electrical resistivity to solve geological and environmental problems. Specific field methods using geophysical instruments will be taught along with the interpretation of the collected data. Lecture, 3 hours/week; Laboratory 3 hours/week. Prerequisites: PHYS 201 & PHYS 202 or PHYS 211 & PHYS 212. EES-111 or EES-152 recommended. (cross-listed with Phys 405).

EES 405L. Geophysics Lab. (0).**EES 421. Field Geology. (4).**

Studies the field methods used in geology, including surveying, plane tabling, geologic mapping and section measuring. Prerequisite: EES-335.

EES 482C. ST: Selected Topic (Core). (1-4).

Select Topic approved for core requirement.

EES 485. Environmental Science Capstone. (2).

This course introduces students to the professional skills and practices required in the environmental field. Includes introduction to GIS (Geographic Information Systems), literature searches, written and oral presentation of work. Prerequisite: senior standing.

EES 490. Independent Study. (1-4).**EES 492. Internship. (1-4).****EES 496. Directed Research. (4.00).**