

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE (SUSTAINABILITY)

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Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Science, Major in Environmental Science (Sustainability)		
Core Curriculum		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) ¹		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science) ²		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) ³		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts)		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History)		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) ⁴		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option) ⁵		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
BIOL 1411 or BIOL 1406	General Botany General Biology I	4
BIOL 1413 or BIOL 1407	General Zoology General Biology II	4
CHEM 1411	General Chemistry I	4
MATH 1314 or MATH 1410 or MATH 1420	Pre Calculus Algebra ¹ Elementary Functions Calculus I	3
MATH 1342 or MATH 3379 or STAT 3379	Elementary Statistics Statistical Methods in Practice Statistical Methods in Practice	3
Major: Foundation		
BIOL 1401	Environmental Science ²	4
BIOL/GEOG 3320	Sustainability & Environment	3
BIOL 3409	General Ecology	4
BIOL 4374	Biostatistics	3
ECON 3352 or GEOG 4351	Energy & Environmental Econ ⁴ Economic Geography	3
GEOG 1401	Weather and Climate ²	4
GEOG 2464	Intro to Geographic Info Sys	4
GEOG 3310	Sustainable Development	3
GEOG 4331	Conservation of Natural Res	3
GEOG 4432 or GEOG 4330	Geomorphology Hydrology and Water Resources	3-4
GEOG 4361 or GEOG 4365 or GEOG 4468	Geographic Information Systems for Public Health Applied Geographic Info Systems Remote Sensing	3-4
Select one of the following:		4
GEOL 1403	Physical Geology	
GEOL 1405	Geologic & Environmental Hazards	
GEOL 3326	Environmental Geology	3
PLSC 3440	Soil Science	4
POLS 3395	Environmental Policy	3

SOCI 4337	Environment And Society	3
or COMS 3393	Environmental Communication	

Major: Prescribed Advanced Electives

Select 17 hours from the following advanced electives: 17

AGET 3383	Soil & Water Conservation Engr
BIOL 3461	Wildlife Biology
BIOL 4330	Aquatic Biology
COMS 3393	Environmental Communication
ENGL 3330	Intro to Technical Writing
GEOG 3301	Environmental Geography
GEOG 4100	Earth and Environment Seminar
GEOG 4330	Hydrology and Water Resources
GEOG 4333	Field Studies
GEOG 4356	Urban Geography
GEOG 4357	Population Geography
GEOG 4361	Geographic Information Systems for Public Health
GEOG 4365	Applied Geographic Info Systems
GEOG 4399	Environmental and Geoscience Internship
GEOG 4432	Geomorphology
GEOG 4468	Remote Sensing
GEOL 3330	Oceanography
GEOL 4100	Earth and Environment Seminar
GEOL 4312	Economic Geology
GEOL 4399	Environmental and Geoscience Internship
GEOL 4426	Hydrogeology
HLTH 4390	Environmental Health
PHIL 4334	Environmental Ethics
PLSC 4330	Soil Fertility Mgt Fertilizers
PLSC 4370	Forage Crops & Pasture Mgmt
PLSC 4397	Integrated Pest Management
SOCI 4337	Environment And Society
WMGT 2301	Principles of Wildlife Mgmt
WMGT 3382	Habitat & Pond Management

Minor: Not Required ^{6,7}

Total Hours 120-122

¹ MATH 1314 needed as a prerequisite for CHEM 1411 and BIOL 4374. In addition, satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area II (Mathematics).

² Satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area III (Life and Physical Science).

³ SOCI 2319 satisfies Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) as well as serves as a prerequisite for SOCI 4337 and SOCI 4339.

⁴ ECON 2301 satisfies Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) as well as serves as a prerequisite for ECON 3352.

⁵ GEOG 2355 or GEOG 2356 is recommended plus 1 semester credit hour.

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Notes

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First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
BIOL 1401 ¹		4 Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	1
ENGL 1301 ²		3 CHEM 1411 ⁴	4
GEOG 1401 ¹		4 ENGL 1302 ²	3
HIST 1301 ³		3 GEOL 1403 or 1405 ¹	4
MATH 1314 ⁴		3 HIST 1302 ³	3
		17	15

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area V (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)		3 Component Area IV (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiv) ⁷	3
Component Area VIII (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii) ⁵		3 Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix) ⁸	3
BIOL 1411 or 1406		4 BIOL 1413 or 1407	4
MATH 1342, 3379, or STAT 3379		3 GEOG 2464	4
POLS 2305 ⁶		3 POLS 2306 ⁶	3
		16	17

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
BIOL 3320 or GEOG 3320		3 ECON 3352 or GEOG 4351 ⁵	3
BIOL 3409		4 GEOG 4432 or 4330	3 or 4
GEOG 4331		3 GEOL 3326	3
GEOG 4468 or 4361		3 or 4 POLS 3395	3
		Prescribed Electives ⁹	3
		13-14	15-16

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
BIOL 4374 ⁴		3 Prescribed Electives ⁹	3
GEOG 3310		3 Prescribed Electives ⁹	4
PLSC 3440		4 Prescribed Electives ⁹	3
Prescribed Electives ⁹		4 SOCI 4337 or COMS 3393	3
		14	13

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⁶ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).

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⁹ See, Major: Prescribed Advanced Elective (Environmental Science) course list below.

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The BS in Environmental Science (Sustainability) is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Use the scientific method to address environmental problems.
- Think critically.
- Generate and/or interpret geospatial data based geographic information systems (GIS) and/or remote sensing.

- Apply knowledge of the environment and ecosystems to address environmental issues.
- Interdisciplinary problem solvers that can integrate Biology, Chemistry, Geoscience, and social science.