

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE (SUSTAINABILITY)

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Bachelor of Science, Major in Environmental Science (Sustainability)		
Core Curriculum (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/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 1406	General Biology I	4
BIOL 1407	General Biology II	4
CHEM 1411	General Chemistry I	4
MATH 1314	Pre Calculus Algebra ¹	3
or MATH 1410	Elementary Functions	
or MATH 1420	Calculus I	
MATH 1342	Elementary Statistics	3
or MATH 3379	Statistical Methods in Practice	
or STAT 3379	Statistical Methods in Practice	
Major: Foundation		
BIOL 1401	Environmental Science ²	4
BIOL 3320	Sustainability & Environment	3
or GEOG 3320	Sustainability & Environment	
BIOL 3409	General Ecology	4
BIOL 4374	Biostatistics	3
or GEOG 4374	Spatial Analysis and Statistics	
ECON 3352	Energy and Environmental Economics ⁴	3
or GEOG 4351	Economic Geography	
GEOG 1401	Weather and Climate ²	4
GEOG 2464	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	4
GEOG 3310	Sustainable Development	3
GEOG 4330	Hydrology and Water Resources	3-4
or GEOG 4432	Geomorphology	
GEOG 4331	Conservation of Natural Resources	3
GEOG 4361	Geographic Information Systems for Public Health	3-4
or GEOG 4365	Applied Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	
or GEOG 4468	Remote Sensing	
GEOL 1403	Earth: How it Works	4
or GEOL 1405	Geologic & Environmental Hazards	
GEOL 3326	Environmental Geology	3
PLSC 3440	Soil Science	4
POLS 3395	Environmental Policy	3

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SOCI 4337 or COMS 3393 or SOCI 4334	Environment And Society Environmental Communication Sociology Of Disaster	3
Major: Prescribed Electives ⁶		17
Minor: Not Required ^{7, 8}		
Total Hours		120-122

- ¹ MATH 1314 satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area II (Mathematics) and serves as a prerequisite for CHEM 1411 and BIOL 4374.
- ² BIOL 1401 and GEOG 1401 satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area III (Life and Physical Science).
- ³ SOCI 2319 satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) and serves as a prerequisite for SOCI 4337 and SOCI 4339.
- ⁴ ECON 2301 satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) and serves as a prerequisite for ECON 3352.
- ⁵ GEOG 2355 or GEOG 2356 is recommended plus one credit hour to satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX (Component Area Option).
- ⁶ See Prescribed Electives (Environmental Science) course list below.
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BIOL 3461	Wildlife Biology	4
BIOL 4330	Aquatic Biology	3
COMS 3393	Environmental Communication	3
ENGL 3330	Introduction to Technical Writing	3
GEOG 3301	Environmental Geography	3
GEOG 3340	Meteorology	3
GEOG 3342	Climatology	3
GEOG 3350	Cultural Geography	3
GEOG 3363	Computer Cartography	3
GEOG 4075	Readings in Geography	1-3
GEOG 4076	Special Topics	1-3
GEOG 4100	Earth and Environment Seminar	1
GEOG 4330	Hydrology and Water Resources	3
GEOG 4333	Field Studies	3
GEOG 4356	Urban Society and Environment	3
GEOG 4357	Population Geography	3
GEOG 4360	Cultural Field Study	3
GEOG 4361	Geographic Information Systems for Public Health	3
GEOG 4365	Applied Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	3
GEOG 4399	Environmental and Geoscience Internship	3
GEOG 4432	Geomorphology	4
GEOG 4468	Remote Sensing	4
GEOL 3330	Oceanography	3

GEOL 4100	Earth and Environment Seminar	1
GEOL 4312	Economic Geology	3
GEOL 4399	Environmental and Geoscience Internship	3
GEOL 4426	Hydrogeology	4
HLTH 4390	Environmental Health	3
PHIL 4334	Environmental Ethics	3
PLSC 4330	Soil Fertility Management and Fertilizers	3
PLSC 4370	Forage Crops and Pasture Management	3
PLSC 4397	Integrated Pest Management	3
SOCI 4334	Sociology Of Disaster	3
SOCI 4337	Environment And Society	3
WMGT 2301	Principles of Wildlife Management	3
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First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
BIOL 1401 ¹		4 Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	1
ENGL 1301 ²		3 CHEM 1411	4
GEOG 1401 ¹		4 ENGL 1302 ²	3
HSTY 1301 ³		3 GEOL 1403 or 1405	4
MATH 1314, 1410, or 1420 ⁴		3 HSTY 1302 ³	3
		17	15

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area V (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)		3 Component Area IV (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav) ⁷	3
Component Area VIII (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii) ⁵		3 Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix) ⁸	3
BIOL 1406		4 BIOL 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	3
BIOL 3409		4 GEOG 4330 or 4432	3-4
GEOG 4331		3 GEOL 3326	3
GEOG 4361, 4365, or 4468		3-4 POLS 3395	3
		Prescribed Electives ⁹	3
		13-14	15-16

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
BIOL 4374 or GEOG 4374		3 Prescribed Electives ⁹	10
GEOG 3310		3 SOCI 4337, COMS 3393, or SOCI 4334	3

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PLSC 3440	4	
Prescribed Electives ⁹	4	
	14	13

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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

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.
- Interpret environmental policy to work within existing regulations.
- Interdisciplinary problem solvers that can integrate Biology, Chemistry, Geoscience, and social science.