

BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.) WORKSHEET 2026-27

LOWER-DIVISION / PREPARATION FOR MAJOR (generally 1st and 2nd years)

ENVS 1 (F or Sum qtrs)*

ENVS 2 (S or Sum qtrs)*

ENVS 3 (W or Sum qtrs)*

ENVS 40 (F, W, S qtrs)*

Ethics & Justice:

ASAM 9; Engl./Rgst. 37;

ENVS 70 (F qtr)*;

Fem. St. 50; Phil. 4;

Pol. Sci. 1

Culture & Society:

Anth. 2; ASAM 1;

Blk. St. 1; Ch. St. 1A;

Film. St. 46; Globl. 1;

Psych. 1; Relig. St. 1

or 14; Sociology 1

Policy & Politics:

Globl 2; Hist. 5, 7;

Poli. Sci. 6, 7, or 12

Chemistry:

Chemistry 1A + 1B

and 2AL

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ENVS 15A (W qtr)* and

ENVS 15B/BL (S qtr)*

Economics:

ENVS 30 (S qtr)* or

Economics 1 or 2 or 9

Quantitative Skills:

Math 34A or 3A (2A)

and one course from

Math 34B or 3B (2B)

or ENVS 25 (S qtr)*

Physical Earth Sci.:

Earth Sci. 2 or 4

or 20 or Geog. 3 or 4

Statistics:

PSTAT 5A or 5LS

or Econ 5

(Or by petition: Comm. 87

or Poli.Sci. 15, or Psy. 10B

Ecology:

ENVS 60 (F or Sum qtrs)*

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MCDB 1A/1LL (F/W qtr)*

and EEMB 2 (W qtr)*

Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and Transfer credit may be substituted for Prep for Major requirements! Review your *UCSB Course History* on GOLD for automatically articulated credit or see an ES Advisor for assistance.

UPPER-DIVISION (generally 3rd and 4th years) - Total of 57 units

A. ES REQUIRED COURSES (13 UNITS)

ENVS 190 (a 1 unit seminar offered P/NP only) (F or W qtrs)*

One course from each of the themed cluster of courses below:

1. *Ecosystems & Society*: ENVS 101, 130C, 149, 153

2. *Energy, Water, Climate*: ENVS 115, 117, 163A

3. *Built Environment*: ENVS 116, 135A, 155, 156

Additional courses may be taken and used as Area B electives.

B. ES ELECTIVES (28 UNITS)

Any upper-division ES courses (#100-199) not used in Area A.

ES Elective Courses	Units
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____

Total = 28

No more than 8 units combined and 4 units each from Envs 192, 194, 199, and 199RA may apply; and max 12 UCEAP units by petition.

C. OUTSIDE CONCENTRATION (16 UNITS)

There are 2 options for the Outside Concentration:

1) **Single department**: Complete any 16 upper-division units from any **one** UCSB department or program and they will automatically apply. Completion of a double major will automatically satisfy this area as will an official minor as long as 16 UD units don't overlap with Areas A or B.

OR

2) **Interdisciplinary emphasis**: Combination of 16 upper-division units from more than one department or program outside ES may be used to create a concentration of study as long as they form a coherent focus or emphasis. A student pursuing this option must submit a [Petition for Degree Requirements](#) form to ES justifying how courses taken relate to each and form a coherent theme. A list of some example environmental concentrations one might use is available from the ES Advisors or at:

www.es.ucsb.edu/degrees

NOTE: Study Abroad or Environmental Field Studies units may be used to satisfy part or all of Area C using either option 1 or 2 above. Units earned must be UC transferable, upper-division, and relate to a coherent concentration. A *Petition for Degree Requirements* must be approved by Environmental Studies before units will be accepted.

Students interested in applying study abroad or field studies units, or pursuing an interdisciplinary emphasis, are encouraged to consult an ES Advisor before starting. Visit the ES Advising webpage at: www.es.ucsb.edu/advising

Outside Concentration Courses	Units
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

Total = 16

NOTE: All courses, including cross-listed (either version), may apply to one area only in any part of the major. Courses taken to fulfill any major requirement must be taken for a letter grade unless only offered P/NP.

* Denotes specific quarter a course is to be offered; accurate for current academic year ONLY & subject to change year to year

Environmental Studies (ES) at UCSB offers three undergraduate degrees. The two majors in Environmental Studies (B.A. & B.S.) addresses the interdisciplinary relationships needed to understand today's complex environmental problems by focusing on understanding the interrelationships between the humanities, social sciences, and natural and physical science disciplines. Offering two degree options affords students the opportunity to choose a major that will most appropriately fit their individual environmental interests and goals. A third major in Hydrological Sciences and Policy (B.S.) provides students with the scientific training and a fundamental background in policy needed to understand and solve complex hydrologic (water related) problems at local, regional, and global levels.

The Bachelor of Arts Degree (B.A.) in Environmental Studies, shown on the reverse-side, is our most flexible and popular degree and offers many options for students to explore the social, cultural, and scientific issues pertaining to the environment. For the Preparation in the Major students enroll in a variety of lower-division social science, humanities, and introductory natural and physical science courses to build a solid foundation. At the upper-division level students take a few required courses from three clusters of ES course options (Area A) and then, depending on their area of interest, pursue either a specific or multidisciplinary environmental emphasis by choosing a combination of electives from over 90 courses offered within Environmental Studies (Area B). The last part of the major (Area C) is a 16 unit upper-division outside concentration where students complete courses from one or more UCSB departments or programs from across campus relating to their educational goals. Approximately one-third of all environmental studies majors elect to use this section to complete either a double major or minor and another one-quarter participate in an environmental field studies or study abroad program. Visit the ES website for more info about these options. Other useful worksheets available online include: *Four Year Plan to Complete the ES Major & GE's* and *Guide to Creating Your Own Concentration* at www.es.ucsb.edu/degrees

Declaring The Environmental Studies Major: Environmental Studies does not have a "pre-major" or require one to complete the entire Preparation for the Major before they can declare. However, to affirm one feels confident ES is the right major for them, we ask students complete at least one of the lower-division introductory ES courses (ENV S 1, 2, 3 or 40) and a minimum of two other lower-division Preparation for the Major courses before submitting their change of major petitions. Exceptions for those who are currently enrolled in one of the above courses or for other extreme circumstances may be considered. There's no minimum GPA requirement to declare, but one should be in good academic standing with at least an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher.

The process for declaring the ES major is online via UCSB's Student Success Hub. The instructions and link to this page are found on the ES website here: www.es.ucsb.edu/declaring-major

Those declaring a double major will follow a slightly different procedure and must also complete the *Memo of Understanding for Double Majors*. The change of major process takes on average 1-2 weeks to be completed and show up on GOLD.

If you have any questions about how to declare the ES major, or major requirements, contact an Environmental Studies Academic Advisor here: www.es.ucsb.edu/advising or by email at: advising@es.ucsb.edu

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