

# ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES PRE-MAJOR

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Environmental Studies Pre-major is recommended for students who are considering completing a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies, Environmental Humanities, or Environmental Science after transferring to a four-year institution. It also offers a suitable pathway to a range of other undergraduate humanities, social science, or science programs. An undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies provides a strong foundation for graduate programs in environmental policy and science, as well as environmental law or public health. Interdisciplinary training in environmental studies develops students' analytical thinking, problem solving, ethical reasoning, and advanced reading and writing so essential to strong communication skills. It therefore offers excellent preparation for a range of career options.

The pre-major is designed for students who have not decided upon a specific four-year college or university. Once a transfer school is selected, students are strongly encouraged to consult the Office of Advising, Transitions, and Student Success and the transfer institution's catalog to select courses that will meet both Oakton and transfer institution requirements.

When registering for courses, students are advised to select ESC (Environmental Studies) designated course sections. For more information on course selection or program-specific advising, contact the Program Co-Coordinators. Part time students should also consult the Office of Advising, Transitions, and Student Success for part-time Pre-major recommendations. **General Education courses should be selected from the list of IAI General Education Courses.**

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Semester One</b>		
EGL 101	Composition I	3
MAT 131	Elementary Statistics	4
BIO 106	Introduction to Environmental Science (see Note 1) <sup>1</sup>	4
Select one of the following:		3
HUM 127	Introduction to Philosophy	
HUM 210	World Mythologies <sup>1</sup>	
PHL 231	Modern and Contemporary Philosophy	
or other ESC-designated Humanities/Fine Arts course		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Semester Two</b>		
EGL 102	Composition II	3
SPE 103	Effective Speech	3
Select one of the following:		3
ANT 102	Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology <sup>1</sup>	
ANT 103	Introduction to Archaeology	
ANT 104	Introduction to Physical Anthropology	
or other ESC-designated Social and Behavioral Sciences course		
Select one of the following:		3
EAS 105	Introduction to Weather and Climate	
EAS 121	Physical Geography	
EAS 125	A Survey of Oceanography	
or other ESC-designated Physical Science course		

Select one of the following:		3
HUM 122	Contemporary Culture and the Arts	
HUM 142	Women and Creativity <sup>2</sup>	
or other ESC-designated Fine Arts course		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Semester One</b>		
PHL 204	Environmental Ethics (see Note 1)	3
SSC 201	Introduction to Global Studies (see Note 2)	3
Select one of the following:		3
BIO 104	Human Genetics	
BIO 109	Plants and Society	
BIO 116	Microbe and Society	
EAS 125	A Survey of Oceanography	
or other ESC-designated Science course		
Select one of the following:		3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology <sup>2</sup>	
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	
PSC 103	Introduction to Political Science	
PSC 202	International Relations <sup>1</sup>	
Select one of the following:		3
EGL 132	LGBTQ+ Literature <sup>2</sup>	
EGL 133	Women and Literature <sup>2</sup>	
EGL 135	Introduction to Native American Literature <sup>3</sup>	
or other ESC-designated Humanities course that also satisfies U.S. Diversity Studies requirement		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Two</b>		
Select one of the following Science courses without lab:		3
BIO 104	Human Genetics	
BIO 109	Plants and Society	
BIO 116	Microbe and Society	
EAS 205	Environmental Geology	
or other ESC-designated Science course without lab		
Select one of the following Science courses with lab:		4
BIO 101	Introduction to Life Science	
BIO 105	Human Genetics	
BIO 107	Ecological Restoration (see Note 2) <sup>4</sup>	
CHM 101	Introductory Chemistry	
or other ESC-designated Science course with lab		
Select one of the following:		3
EGL 115	Introduction to Fiction	
EGL 117	Introduction to Poetry	
EGL 129	Introduction to Literature	
or other ESC-designated Humanities/Fine Arts course		
Select two of the following:		6
ECO 202	Principles of Microeconomics	
SOC 103	Social Problems <sup>3</sup>	
SSC 101	The Individual in Modern Society	
ANT 102	Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology <sup>1</sup>	
GEG 120	World Regional Geography <sup>1</sup>	
GEG 122	Cultural Geography <sup>1</sup>	
or other ESC-designated Social and Behavioral Sciences course		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>60</b>

<sup>1</sup> Course fulfills the Global Studies Requirement. At least one Global Studies course is required for degree completion.

<sup>2</sup> Course fulfills the U.S. Diversity Requirement. At least one U.S. Diversity course is required for degree completion.

<sup>3</sup> Course fulfills both, the Global Studies and U.S. Diversity Requirements.

<sup>4</sup> Course is not IAI approved, but does transfer to most 4-year institutions. Consult your transfer institution for more information.

**Note 1:** Environmental Studies Concentration Requirement

**Note 2:** Environmental Studies Concentration Elective

**Note 3:** Pre-major is a recommended sequence and selection of courses.

See Associate in Arts (A.A.) page for degree requirements.