

Environmental Science: Policy and Communication Option

Bachelor of Science (BS)

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Environmental quality is fundamental to our quality of life.

Environmental science seeks to preserve and improve our environment for ourselves and future generations.

Environmental science is a unique academic program at Southeast. It is an inter-departmental, interdisciplinary degree program based in the College of Science, Technology and Agriculture. Environmental science is a diverse, hybrid field of study that is based upon strong training in the natural sciences, mathematics, law, economics, and health.

The curriculum for the B.S. in Environmental Science consists of a core of approximately 60 credit hours and 20-30 additional credit hours in one of six degree option areas. All students complete internships and/or research participation. This broad-based education and training provides multiple opportunities for graduates in the growing environmental field.

Environmental science students will...

- Complete a science-intensive interdisciplinary curriculum providing a foundation for addressing environmental issues of today and the future.
- Study in modern classrooms and laboratories in the newly remodeled Magill Hall.
- Gain valuable professional and personal experience through internships and/or research participation.
- Be well prepared to directly enter career positions in the environmental field or to successfully pursue post-baccalaureate education programs.
- Develop the competencies to become professional and community leaders in an effort to develop a sustainable society.

Career Planning

Approximately 70% of environmental science graduates directly enter the work force. All graduates seeking employment in the environmental field have obtained a relevant career position.

Approximately 30% of environmental science graduates continue their education in graduate programs in the sciences, law school, MBA programs, or medical school.

Career preparation is part of the mission of Southeast. 100% of programs offer our students an internship, study-abroad program, clinical opportunity, student teaching or research internship. Each student works individually with a faculty advisor in their area. The advisor assists students with curricular planning and development of career goals.

The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

Internship, Employment, and Post-Baccalaureate Opportunities of Recent Graduates

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Missouri Department of Conservation
- U.S. Green Building Council
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Illinois Natural History Survey
- A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine
- Science Applications International Corporation
- Missouri Department of Natural Resources
- Saint Louis University School of Law
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville
- CH2M Hill Inc.
- KRCU National Public Radio
- Missouri Botanical Garden
- Emory University
- Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co. Inc.
- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
- St. Louis County Department of Health
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Saint Louis Zoological Park

Special Options with Environmental Science

Southeast offers a Master of Science in Environmental Science.

Transfer and Dual Credit Students

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.

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This is a guide based on the 2018-2019 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

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Option – 90-94 Hours

- ___ BI163 Evolution & Ecology (4)
- ___ BI332 General Ecology (3)
- ___ BS105 Environmental Biology (3)
- ___ CH185/085/005 General Chemistry (5)
- ___ CH186 Foundations of Inorganic Chemistry (3)
- ___ EC344 Environmental Economics (3)
- ___ EN190 Writing & the Environment (3)
- ___ EV201 Environmental Science Seminar I (1)
- ___ EV400 Health Physics (3)
- ___ EV401 Environmental Science Seminar II (1)
- ___ EV454 Risk Assessment Applications (3)
- ___ EV481-483 Internship (3)
- ___ OR
- ___ EV491-493 Research (3)
- ___ EV xxx EV Course (300-500 level) (3)
- ___ GO110 Physical Geology (3)
- ___ GO365 Environmental Soil Science (3)
- ___ GO460 Environmental Hydrology (3)
- ___ MA139 Applied Calculus (3)
- ___ OR
- ___ MA140 Analytical Geometry & Calculus I (5)
- ___ MA223 Elementary Probability & Statistics (3)
- ___ PH106 Physical Concepts (3)
- ___ OR
- ___ PH120 Introductory Physics I (5)
- ___ UI429 Environmental Ethics (3)

Policy & Communication Option Courses:

- ___ IU309 Writing for Science & Technology (3)
- ___ PS230 American Public Policy (3)
- ___ OR
- ___ PS280 Introduction to Global Issues (3)
- ___ PS418 Public Policy Analysis (3)
- ___ PS491 Topics in Political Science (3)
- ___ SC200 Advanced Public Speaking (3)
- ___ UI386 Environmental Health (3)
- ___ UI387 Environmental Law & Public Policy (3)

University Studies Requirements – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 3 hours
- Constitution requirement – 3 hours
- US History requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	3	BI163	4
	EN100	3	CH185/085/005	5
	BS105	3	EN190	3
	University Studies	3	University Studies	3
	University Studies	3		
Total	15		Total	15
Milestone: maintain 2.0 cumulative GPA				
SECOND YEAR	CH186	3	BI332	3
	MC201	3	EC344	3
	SC200	3	EV201	1
	University Studies	3	GO110	3
	University Studies	3	UI386	3
			University Studies	3
Total	15		Total	16
Milestone: maintain 2.0 cumulative GPA				
<i>(Summer courses are encouraged to avoid semesters exceeding 15 hours.)</i>				
THIRD YEAR	GO365	3	EV400	3
	MA139/MA140	3-5	EV454	3
	PH106/PH120	3-5	GO460	3
	PS230/PS280	3	IU309	3
	Elective	3	MA223	3
Total	15-19		Total	15
Milestone: maintain 2.0 cumulative GPA				
FOURTH YEAR	PS418	3	EV401	1
	UI387	3	PS491	3
	EV Intern/Research	3	UI429	3
	University Studies	3	EV elective	3
	University Studies	3	Elective	0-4
	Total	15		Total
Milestone: maintain 2.0 cumulative GPA				

A "Milestone" signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the University Studies program, completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level. Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a B.S. in Environmental Science.

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Degree Map 2018-2019

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