

PLAN OF STUDY Catalog Year 2025-2026 ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES MAJOR

This Plan of Study (plan) is used as a *worksheet* during initial registration and every subsequent semester to determine minimum requirements and progress toward completing the degree.

- In your final year, you will submit a final plan of study electronically through the Student Administration System. For more information, visit the [Registrar's Steps to a Successful Graduation](#).
- Students must complete all major and General Education or Common Curriculum course requirements and earn:
 - **At least 120 credits towards the degree**
 - **At least a 2.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)**
 - **At least a 2.0 Grade Point Average for ALL courses listed in the 36 credit Requirement (Part III).**
- University of Connecticut Common Curriculum Requirements are outlined in the [Undergraduate Academic Catalog](#).
- Students should use their Academic Requirements Report (accessible in Student Admin) along with this Plan of Study to view their graduation requirements and assess status toward degree. Students must be attentive to credit restrictions (repeated courses, out of sequence classes, etc.).
- Courses taken Pass/Fail may NOT be used to meet ANY degree requirements, including major requirements, General Education requirements, or Common Curriculum requirements.
- Students are responsible for knowing and understanding the rules and requirements of their degree. Always refer to the Catalog (linked above) for official regulations and ask your advisor when you need clarification.

Additional Resources:

Academic Catalog 	CAHNR Academic Policies 	CAHNR Academic Forms 	Sample Course Sequences by Major 
Navigating the Student Admin System 	Navigating HuskyCT 	Academic Achievement Center 	Center for Career Readiness and Life Skills 
The "Q" (Quantitative) Center 	The Writing Center 	Center for Students with Disabilities 	The Dean of Student's Office 

PART I: COMMON CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

For a full listing of courses within each Topic of Inquiry (TOI), please visit the Common Curriculum page of the Undergraduate Catalog.

[Common Curriculum Requirements – Undergraduate Academic Catalog](#)



Topics of Inquiry

Requirements:

- 1. At least three credits must be passed in each Topic of Inquiry (many courses fulfill two TOI).
- 2. Students must also satisfy a Focus requirement by successfully completing either nine credits in a single TOI or nine credits within a Theme (learn more about Themes on the Common Curriculum page of the Undergraduate Catalog – linked above).
- 3. Common Curriculum courses may be counted toward the major.
- 4. Including the Focus requirement, students must pass at least 21 credits of TOI courses.
- 5. The 21 credits of TOI courses must be from at least six different subject areas as designated by subject code (e.g., ANTH). For cross-listed courses, students may count any subject code under which the course is offered toward this requirement regardless of the subject code under which they register for the course.
- 6. Students must complete at least one laboratory course designated as TOI-6L.
- 7. No more than six credits with the INTD prefix may be elected by any student to meet the Common Curriculum Requirements.

TOI-1: Creativity: Design, Expression, Innovation
TOI-2: Cultural Dimensions of Human Experiences
TOI-3: Diversity, Equity, and Social Justice
TOI-4: Environmental Literacy
TOI-5: Individual Values and Social Institutions
TOI-6: Science and Empirical Inquiry
TOI-6L: Science and Empirical Inquiry (Laboratory Course)

TOI	Dept.	Course No.	Credits
TOI-1	_____	_____	_____
TOI-2	_____	_____	_____
TOI-3	_____	_____	_____
TOI-4	_____	_____	_____
TOI-5	_____	_____	_____
TOI-6*	_____	_____	_____

FOCUS REQUIREMENT		
TOI: _____		
-- OR --		
THEME: _____		
Dept.	Course No.	Credits
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**At least one TOI-6L course is required*

TOI REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST:

- ☐ At least three credits from each TOI
- ☐ 21 credits (minimum) of TOI coursework
- ☐ TOI credits completed in at least 6 different subject codes (e.g. ANTH)
 - ☐ Subject codes: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____
- ☐ One Laboratory course designated as TOI-6L: _____

Competencies

	Description	Dept.	Course No.	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foreign Languages (3 years single language in high school OR pass second course in first year college sequence)	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL 1007 <u>or</u> 1010 <u>or</u> 1011	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	“W” Course	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	“W” Course (<i>within major</i>)	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	“Q” Course	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	“Q” Course (<i>MATH or STAT</i>)	_____	_____	_____

CAHNR Agriculture, Health, and Environment Requirement

Students in the College of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources must pass two courses (six credits) from the pre-approved list (find the list of pre-approved courses on the CAHNR Degree Requirements page of the Undergraduate Catalog). Courses must come from two different subject areas.

CAHNR Requirement Pre-Approved Courses List



Dept.	No.	Course Title	Credits
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

PART II: INDIVIDUAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES MAJOR

Courses in this section that are numbered 2000-level or above may also be used to meet the 36 Credit Requirement (Part III).

Introductory Courses:

ALL of required courses in Basic (Natural) Sciences:

Dept.	No.	Course Title	Credits
BIOL	<input type="checkbox"/> 1102	Foundations of Biology	4
	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>or</u> 1108	<u>or</u> Principles of Biology II	
EVST	<input type="checkbox"/> 1000E	Introduction to Environmental Studies	3
NRE or GEOG or ERTH or ERTH	<input type="checkbox"/> 1000E	Environmental Science	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>or</u> 2300E	<u>or</u> Introduction to Physical Geography	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>or</u> 1050	<u>or</u> Earth's Dynamic Environment	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>or</u> 1051	<u>or</u> Earth's Dynamic Environment (Lecture)	
STAT	<input type="checkbox"/> 1000Q	Intro to Statistics I	4
	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>or</u> 1100Q (or equivalent)	<u>or</u> Elementary Concepts of Statistics	

*For those seeking a more advanced background, BIOL 1108 is preferred.

Core Courses (18 credits):

All majors must take 2 courses of the following courses from each core. Students cannot apply more than one course per department to count within a particular core. Additional core courses taken in the same department can be applied to the additional major requirements beyond the core requirements.

Humanities Core – pass TWO of the following:

Dept.	No.	Course Title	Credits
ENGL or ENGL or ENGL or JOUR	<input type="checkbox"/> 2635E	Literature and the Environment	3
	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>or</u> 3240E	<u>or</u> American Nature Writing	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>or</u> 3715E	<u>or</u> Nature Writing Workshop	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>or</u> 3046E	<u>or</u> Environmental Journalism	
PHIL	<input type="checkbox"/> 3212E	Philosophy and Global Climate Change	3
	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>or</u> 3216E	<u>or</u> Environmental Ethics	
GERM	<input type="checkbox"/> 2400E	The Environment in German Culture	3
HIST	<input type="checkbox"/> 2210E	History of the Ocean	3
	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>or</u> 2222E	<u>or</u> Global Environmental History	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>or</u> 3540E	<u>or</u> Environmental History of the Americas	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>or</u> 3542E	<u>or</u> New England Environmental History	

Social Sciences Core – pass TWO of the following:

Dept.	No.	Course Title	Credits
ARE or	<input type="checkbox"/> 2434E	Environmental and Resource Policy	3

ARE or ECON	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>or</u> 4462E <input type="checkbox"/> <u>or</u> 3466E	<u>or</u> Environmental and Resource Economics <u>or</u> Environmental Economics	
GEOG	<input type="checkbox"/> 2400E <input type="checkbox"/> <u>or</u> 3350E	Introduction to Sustainable Cities <u>or</u> Global Change, Local Action: A Geography of Environmentalism	3
NRE	<input type="checkbox"/> 3000 <input type="checkbox"/> <u>or</u> 3245E	Human Dimensions of Natural Resources <u>or</u> Environmental Law	3
POLS/EVST	<input type="checkbox"/> 3412	Global Environmental Politics	3
SOCI	<input type="checkbox"/> 2701E <input type="checkbox"/> <u>or</u> 2709E/WE	Sustainable Societies <u>or</u> Society and Climate Change	3

Natural Sciences Core – pass TWO of the following:

Dept.	No.	Course Title	Credits
AH	<input type="checkbox"/> 3175E	Environmental Health	3
EEB	<input type="checkbox"/> 2100E <input type="checkbox"/> <u>or</u> 2208E	Global Change Ecology <u>or</u> Introduction to Conservation Biology	3
ERTH	<input type="checkbox"/> 2010	Earth History and Global Change	3
GEOG	<input type="checkbox"/> 3400	Climate and Weather	3
NRE	<input type="checkbox"/> 4170	Climate-Human-Ecosystem Interactions	3

Capstone Research Project:

Dept.	No.	Course Title	Credits
EVST	<input type="checkbox"/> 4000W	Environmental Studies Capstone Research Project	3

In addition, **Environmental Studies Majors** must take an additional 15 credits of courses at the 2000-level or above to meet the 36-credit major requirement. These courses must be designed to form a coherent set of additional courses that will provide the student with a focus or additional depth in an area of interest related to the major. They must be chosen in consultation with the student's faculty advisor and be approved by the advisor. Courses listed above that are not used to meet the core requirements may be used to meet this requirement.

Other areas of recommended preparation (not required):

- Physical Science: CHEM 1122, CHEM 1127Q; PHYS 1030Q/1035Q
- Earth Science: EARTH/GEOG 1070; MARN 1002/1003
- Economics: ARE 1110, 1150, ECON 1179, 1200, 1201

PART III: 36 CREDIT REQUIREMENT FOR ALL MAJORS¹

Each student is required to successfully complete at least 36 credits of courses that are numbered 2000-level or above in or relating to their major. These courses may also be used to meet other requirements. This group of courses must:

1. Total not less than 36 credits
2. Be numbered 2000 or above
3. Be approved by student's advisor and department head
4. Be taken at the University of Connecticut²
5. Include two or more departments
6. Include at least 15 credits from departments in the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources
7. Have a combined Grade Point Average of at least 2.0
8. Not include more than 6 credits (combined) of Independent Study, Internship, or Field Studies (if included, these courses must be taken at the University of Connecticut)
9. Not be taken on Pass/Fail (P@ / F@)
10. Not include more than 6 credits of Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) coursework

Dept.	No.	Credits
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Dept.	No.	Credits
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____

Credits from departments in CAHNR (15 required): _____

(CAHNR subject codes include AHNr, AH, ANSC, ARE, DGS, DIET, ENVS, EVST, KINS, LAND, MLSC, NRE, NUSC, PLSC, PATH, SPSS)

Total Credits in 36 credit group: _____

¹Courses taken on Pass/Fail may NOT be used to meet any requirements.

²**Residence Requirement.** It is expected that advanced course work in the major will be completed at the University of Connecticut. However, students may be eligible to use up-to six credits from other institutions in the 36-credit group if approved by their advisor and department head. These credits must be identified as courses comparable to specific University of Connecticut courses and cannot include internships, special topics, or non-specific discipline credits. Transfer students must complete at least 30 credits of 2000-level or higher course work at the University of Connecticut, including at least 15 credits in College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources courses.