

# ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES MAJOR – B.A.

## Summary

Code	Title	Credits
	Environmental Studies B.A. Major Requirements	55
	Integrative Core Curriculum Requirements <sup>1</sup>	28-40
	Electives	25-37
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> See *Integrative Core Curriculum requirements, with information about the H&S CLA requirement.* (<https://catalog.ithaca.edu/undergrad/schools/school-humanities-sciences/#integrativecorecurriculumicctext>)

## Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>CORE COURSES</b>		
ENVS 11900	Introduction to Environmental Humanities	4
ENVS 12000	Environmental Sentinels	4
ENVS 12100	Introduction to Environmental Science and Technology	4
ENVS 22000	Human-Environment Geography	3
ENVS 22100	Interdisciplinary Physical Science	4
<b>BREADTH REQUIREMENT</b>		
ENVS electives	Upper level ENVS electives at level 2 or above; 6 credits must be at level 3 or higher.	9
History electives	Selected from a list of approved courses available from the department	3
Humanities electives	Selected from a list of approved courses available from the department	3
Policy electives	Selected from a list of approved courses available from the department	3
Social Science electives	Selected from a list of approved courses available from the department	6
<b>TOOLS/SKILLS REQUIREMENT</b>		
	Select 6 credits from a list of approved courses	6
<b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>		
ENVS 17500	Introductory Environmental Seminar	1
ENVS 27500	Intermediate Environmental Seminar	1
ENVS 47500	Advanced Environmental Seminar	1
<b>ADVANCED STUDIES</b>		
	Select one option for 3 credits:	3
ENVS 40200	Environmental Research: Advanced	
ENVS 49000	Independent Study: Environmental Studies	
ENVS 49500	Internship: Environmental Studies	
<b>CULTURAL IMMERSION</b>		

Students must complete an experiential service or community-based learning activity and put their communication skills to use with diverse audiences (see below).

Total Credits 55

## Cultural Immersion Requirement

This requirement is designed to help students discover alternative ways of addressing environmental problems by developing an insider's view that can help broaden their perspectives as well as provide sources for innovative solutions. Students can choose from a wide variety of experiences to satisfy this requirement, but each cultural immersion experience must meet the following criteria:

1. It must be related to environmental studies or science in some way.
2. It must include at least 40 hours of direct involvement with people from a culture or socioeconomic class other than what the student has experienced to date.
3. It must be a deeper, more critical cultural immersion experience than travel or observation alone, and it should provide opportunities for students to evaluate situations from local people's perspective.
4. It should enable students to acquire an awareness of how their own culture informs them about other cultures and is used subjectively to make sense of cultural differences.
5. It requires students to be active participants in the culture, and not just observers; in other words, students should strive to be in a situation where some of their daily comforts and predictability are different or absent.

Students must develop a written proposal for their cultural immersion experience, obtain approval in advance, document their experience through written reflection and an electronic portfolio, and present their portfolio as part of ENVS 47500 in their senior year.