Academics

Your major in environmental studies will provide the knowledge and skills necessary to address environmental challenges facing our world while preparing you for an exciting career. You will examine the relationships between human behavior and the physical and biological world as well as policy development and application.

You will have core courses, collateral courses, and the option to pursue an emphasis area: Anthropology, Applied Climate Science, Biology, Chemistry, Communication Studies, Geography, Geology, Meteorology/Climatology, Natural Resources, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology.

Experience

In the College of Arts and Sciences, we know experience is valuable and goes beyond the classroom. We strive to help you connect your academics with research, internships, education abroad, service learning and leadership experiences. Take advantage of opportunities in environmental such as:

- Studying abroad in Greece to learn about sustainability, the environment and society
- Serving as the Sustain UNL Club president
- Interning with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
- Researching the effects of drought on wheat growth in Nebraska
- Volunteering with Nebraska State Arboretum

Opportunities

All over the globe, there is a growing market for individuals who want to contribute to the ever-expanding green economy. Given the broad, interdisciplinary nature of the environmental studies major, students have the ability to pursue a wide range of environmental careers: sustainability, environmental quality, conservation, environmental education, public health and safety, environmental protection, public policy analysis, environmental consulting, natural resources management, green business or environmental law. Here are examples of recent graduates’ employment:

- Corps Member / MONTANA CONSERVATION CORPS
- Environmental Scientist / TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC.
- Greenhouse Assistant / URBAN TRAIL GARDENS
- Land Steward / THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
- National Drought Mitigation Center / UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN
- Plant Ecologist / PRAIRIE LEGACY INC.
- Project Coordinator / LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPT
- Sustainability Associate / CLEANER GREENER LINCOLN
- Wildland Firefighter / UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
- Wildlife Technician / NEBRASKA INVASIVE SPECIES PROJECT

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### ENVR—SAMPLE 4-YEAR PLAN*

#### FIRST SEMESTER
- ENVR 101: Environmental Studies Orientation 1
- ENVR 201: Science, Systems, Environment and Sustainability (ACE 8) 3
- MATH 103: College Algebra and Trigonometry 5
- Written Texts/Research & Knowledge Skills (ACE 1) 3
- Language Requirement - 201 Level (CDR E) 3
  
  **Total Hours** 15

#### SECOND SEMESTER
- ENVR 249: Individual & Cultural Perspectives on the Environment (ACE 9) 3
- Human Dimensions Course (ACE 6) 3
- Climate Course (ACE 4) 3
- Communication Skills (ACE 2) 3
- Language Requirement - Level 202 (CDR E) 3
  
  **Total Hours** 15

#### THIRD SEMESTER
- Biological Science Ancillary Course w/Lab (CDR B, BL) 4
- STAT 218: Introduction to Statistics (ACE 3) 3
- Human Dimensions Course (CDR D) 3
- Humanities (ACE 5) 3
- Minor/Emphasis Area Course 3
  
  **Total Hours** 16

#### FOURTH SEMESTER
- ENVR 319: Environmental Engagement & the Community 2
- Ecology Course 3
- Chemistry Ancillary Course (CDR F) 4
- Written Communication (CDR A) 3
- Minor/Emphasis Area Course 3
  
  **Total Hours** 15

#### FIFTH SEMESTER
- AGRO 153: Soil Resources 4
- Physics Ancillary Course 3
- Human Dimensions Course Upper Level 3
- Minor/Emphasis Area Course 3
- Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional 3
  
  **Total Hours** 16

#### SIXTH SEMESTER
- ENVR 495: Internship in Environmental Studies 1
- Economics & Policy Course 3
- Humanities (CDR C) 3
- Water Course 3
- Minor/Emphasis Area Course 3
  
  **Total Hours** 13

#### SEVENTH SEMESTER
- ENVR 499A: Environmental Studies Senior Thesis I (ACE 10) 1
- Human Dimensions Course Upper Level 3
- Earth Systems Course 3
- Fine Arts (ACE 7) 3
- Minor/Emphasis Area Course 3
- Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional 3
  
  **Total Hours** 16

#### EIGHTH SEMESTER
- ENVR 499B: Environmental Studies Senior Thesis II (ACE 10) 2
- Geospatial Science Course 3
- Economics & Policy Course 3
- Minor/Emphasis Area Course 3
- Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional 3
  
  **Total Hours** 14

ACE = Achievement-Centered Education  
CDR = College Distribution Requirements