

MS Degree: Coursework Requirements

I. Required Courses

Students pursuing a Master's of Science Degree in the Environmental Studies program must complete 30 hours of coursework.

Required courses (9 hours)

ENVS 5000 – Policy, Science and the Environment

Worth 3 hours. Should be completed within the first three semesters.

ENVS 5003 – Conceptual Foundations of Environmental Studies

Worth 3 hours. Should be completed in the first three semesters.

ENVS 5004 – Research Design in Environmental Studies

Worth 3 hours. Should be completed in the first or second semester of Year 1.

***See the graduate program coordinator in the event of a scheduling conflict*

Thesis Credit Hours (6 hours)

Students should sign up for 6 thesis credit hours prior to completing their degree.

Remaining 15 hours

Students should use the remaining 15 hours to complete courses recommended by their first-year guidance committee.

II. Committee Review

Students should review their completed coursework with their thesis committee during the proposal and defense meetings to confirm that they are on track to fulfill the Department's requirements and their guidance committee's recommendations. A student may graduate without completing all the formally assigned coursework only with the approval of the committee.

III. Transfer Credit

A transfer credit is defined as any credit earned at another accredited institution, another campus of the CU system, or as a non-degree student within the CU system. A maximum of 9 transfer credits can be accepted by CU Boulder.

To receive transfer credits, a student must successfully complete 6 graduate credits at CU Boulder. The student must then submit a [request to transfer credits](#). This request must be approved by the faculty advisor and ENVS Graduate Director.

Transfer credits cannot be used to fulfill the three required courses for the ENVS MS degree.