

## Summer 2026 Course Lists for ENVS Majors

### NATURAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS

*Purpose: Understand the scientific method in the natural sciences, how it generates knowledge, and be able to relate the results of scientific research to problems and questions as they relate to the environment, broadly defined.*

#### Introductory Sequence in Environmental Studies

ENVS 1000 (4) Introduction to Environmental Studies CE1, CE2

#### Introductory Sequence in Biology or Earth Science

EBIO 1210 (3) General Biology 1 A, CE1  
 EBIO 1220 (3) General Biology 2 B, CE2  
 EBIO 1230 (1) General Biology 1 lab A  
 EBIO 1240 (1) General Biology 2 lab A  
 ATOC 1050 (3) Weather and the Atmosphere A, CE1  
 ATOC 1060 (3) Our Changing Environment B, CE2  
 ATOC 1070 (1) Weather and the Atmosphere lab A  
 GEOG 1001 (4) Environmental Systems 1—  
     Our Changing Planet: Climate and Vegetation A, CE1, CE2  
 GEOG 1011 (4) Our Changing Planet: Landscapes and Water B, CE1, CE2  
 GEOL 1010 (3) Exploring Earth CE10wk  
 GEOL 1020 (3) Dodo, Dinos, and Deinococcus:  
     The History of a Habitable Planet CE10wk

#### Introductory Sequence in Chemistry or Physics

CHEM 1113 (4) General Chemistry 1 A  
 CHEM 1114 (1) General Chemistry 1 lab A  
 PHYS 1110 (4) General Physics 1 A  
 PHYS 2010 (5) General Physics 1 with lab A

#### Intermediate Natural Science

ENVS 2000 (4) Applied Ecology for ENVS CE1  
 EBIO 2040 (4) Principles of Ecology A  
 GEOG 3601 (3) Principles of Climate CE10wk

### SOCIAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS

*Purpose: Gain a basic knowledge of existing environmental laws and policies and the processes through which they are developed and implemented. Become familiar with the drivers of human actions regarding social-ecological systems. Learn to analyze environmental problems and critically assess the ways in which public policies may help to address them.*

#### Intermediate Policy

PSCI 2106 (3) Introduction to Public Policy Analysis B

#### Intermediate Social Science

ENVS 3032 (3) Environment, Media and Society CE10wk

Students are responsible for knowing and abiding by co- and prerequisites.

Read course descriptions.

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**VALUES REQUIREMENTS**

*Purpose: Examine the economic drivers and underlying moral beliefs, personal and social ethics, principles, and theoretical commitments that often inform environmental discourse and also drive decision-making.*

**Economics**

ECON 2010 (4) Principles of Microeconomics A, CE8wk  
ECON 3545 (3) Environmental Economics CE8wk

**Ethics**

ENVS/PHIL 3140 (3) Environmental Ethics Maymester, A, CE2  
PSCI 3064 (3) Environmental Political Theory A

**SKILLS REQUIREMENTS**

*Purpose: Math—Learn to use mathematical approaches to quantify, understand, and develop solutions to complex issues. Writing—Develop an understanding of rhetorical situations in professional writing and be able to apply critical thinking skills when communicating. Learn to frame a problem and develop an idea from knowledge based on evidence. Application—Acquire practical and “hands-on” experience applying knowledge and skills outside the classroom. Improve the ability to integrate knowledge and skills taught in the ENVS major and emphasize their real-world applications.*

**Statistics or Calculus 1**

MATH 2510 (3) Introduction to Statistics (QRMS) CE8wk, CE10wk  
PSCI 2075 (3) Quantitative Research Methods (QRMS) B  
PSYC 2111 (4) Psychological Science 1: Statistics A, CE8wk, CE10wk  
SOCY 2061 (3) Introduction to Social Statistics (QRMS) A, CE10wk  
MATH 1300 (5) Calculus 1 (QRMS) D, CE10wk  
APPM 1350 (4) Calculus 1 for Engineers (QRMS) C  
GEOG 3023 (4) Statistics and Geographic Data A, CE10wk

**Writing**

ENVS 3020 (3) Advanced Writing in Environmental Studies CE10wk

**Application**

ENVS 3930 (3) Internship D  
(contact [Warren.Cook@colorado.edu](mailto:Warren.Cook@colorado.edu) for information)  
ENVS/EBIO 4340 (4) Conservation Biology and Practice in [Study Abroad](#)  
Brazil's Atlantic Forest  
ENVS 3100 (3) Topics in Applied Environmental Studies: CE10wk  
581 Human-Wildlife Interaction  
ARSC 3200 (3) CU in DC, Science Policy [Study Abroad](#)

**CORNERSTONE REQUIREMENT**

*Purpose: Synthesize lower-division environmental coursework into a cohesive knowledge base to prepare for specialization and capstone courses.*

ENVS 3525 (3) Intermediate Environmental Problem Analysis CE1

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### **CAPSTONE REQUIREMENT**

*Purpose: Pursue intellectual integration of the multiple disciplines within Environmental Studies and demonstrate competence in integrative analysis and problem solving.*

ENVS 4800 (3) Critical Thinking in Environmental Studies  
Globalization and the Environment CE1

### **SPECIALIZATION REQUIREMENT**

*Purpose: Focus on one aspect of environmental studies and develop a greater depth of understanding on the topic. To explore focus areas and learn how to select courses that align with students' interests, the student should refer to the ENVS Guidance Documents on the program's undergraduate curriculum web pages. Example specialization areas: Climate, Energy, Hydrology, Natural Resources, Sustainable Development, Environmental Justice, Public Health*

ENVS 3100 (3) Topics in Applied Environmental Studies:  
*can apply to specialization if the other listed requirement has already been fulfilled:*  
581 Human-Wildlife Interaction CE10wk

*can apply to specialization if the other listed requirement has already been fulfilled:*

ENVS 3525 (3) Intermediate Environmental Problem Analysis: CE1  
Topical Cornerstones

581 Strategies Stakeholder Engagement

*can apply to specialization if the other listed requirement has already been fulfilled:*

ENVS 4100-581 (3) Special Topics in Environmental Studies: CE 8wk  
Green Finance and Policy Tools

ENVS/EBIO 4340 (3) Conservation Biology and Practice in [Study Abroad](#)  
Brazil's Atlantic Forest

ATOC 3070/GEOL 3070 (3) Introduction to Oceanography A, CE1, CE2

EBIO 3040 (4) Conservation Biology CE10wk

EBIO 3180 (3) Global Ecology CE10wk

EBIO 3190 (3) Tropical Marine Ecology CE1, CE2

GEOG 3053 (4) GIS: Mapping A, CE10wk

GEOG 3251 (3) Mountain Geosystems A, CE1

GEOG 3601 (3) Principles of Climate CE10wk

GEOG 3402 (3) Natural Hazards CE2

GEOG 3422 (3) Political Ecology CE B/2<sup>nd</sup> 5wk

GEOG 3682 (3) International Development CE10wk

GEOG 3692 (3) Introduction to Global Public Health A, CE10wk

GEOG 3822 (3) China's Diverse Geographies:  
Environnement, Society, Politics Maymester

GEOG 4603 (3) GIS in the Social and Natural Sciences Maymester

SOCY 4052 (3) Social Inequalities in Health A

SOCY 4117 (3) Food and Society CE10wk

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