

# MS Degree: Coursework Requirements

## I. Required Courses

Students pursuing a Master's of Science Degree in the Environmental Studies program must complete 36 hours of coursework.

### Required courses (6 hours)

ENVS 5000 - Science Policy and Values

*Worth 3 hours. Should be completed in the Fall Semester of Year 1*

ENVS 5003 - Theory and Methods in Environmental Studies

*Worth 3 hours. Should be completed in the Spring Semester of Year 1*

### Thesis Credit Hours (6 hours)

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

### Remaining 24 hours

Students should use the remaining 24 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 two required courses for the ENVS MS degree.