

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES - B.A.

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Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies prepares students to integrate concepts and knowledge on environmental issues from across multiple disciplines and to communicate about these in important ways. Basic scientific knowledge about environmental processes is used to inform different social goals. Students develop a set of key competencies in earth systems science, environmental social science, human-natural systems and sustainability science to be able to solve specific environmental problems.

Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus
- Stark Campus

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Freshman Students on the Kent Campus: The freshman admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon the following: cumulative grade point average, ACT and/or SAT scores, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. The Admissions Office at the Kent Campus may defer the admission of students who do not meet admissions criteria but who demonstrate areas of promise for successful college study. Deferred applicants may begin their college coursework at one of seven regional campuses of Kent State University. For more information on admissions, including additional requirements for some academic programs, visit the admissions website for new freshmen.

Freshman Students on the Regional Campuses: Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score or minimum 48 PTE score, or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

Transfer, Transitioning and Former Students: For more information about admission criteria for transfer, transitioning and former students, please visit the admissions website.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Understand the environment and how it relates to human activity, human resource needs and human cognition.
2. Grasp the interconnections between environmental and human systems and how those play out in particular problem areas.
3. Articulate how environmental problems are framed and how public attitudes and policies can be harnessed to provide solutions to environmental degradation.

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1
Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 (or 42)
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate. Students in a B.A. and/or B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 42 upper-division credit hours.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120
Some bachelor's degrees require students to complete more than 120 credit hours.	

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCOMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	36-37

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

[BA-ENVS]

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
BSCI 10110	BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (KBS) (KLAB)	4
ENVS 22070	NATURE AND SOCIETY	3
ENVS 32091	ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND SUSTAINABILITY	2
ENVS 42099	INTEGRATIVE SENIOR PROJECT (ELR) (WIC) ¹	2
GEOL 21062	ENVIRONMENTAL EARTH SCIENCE (KBS)	3
Biological Sciences Elective, choose from the following:		2-4
BSCI 30274	FORESTRY	
BSCI 30277	ECONOMIC BOTANY	
BSCI 30360	GENERAL ECOLOGY	
BSCI 40525	WILDLIFE RESOURCES (ELR)	
Geography Elective, choose from the following:		3
GEOL 21062	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY (KBS)	
GEOL 41051	NATURAL DISASTERS AND SOCIETY	
GEOL 41066	GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE	
GEOL 41073	CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES	
GEOL 41074	RESOURCE GEOGRAPHY	
Geology Elective, choose from the following:		3
GEOL 42065	WATERSHED HYDROLOGY	
GEOL 42067	INTRODUCTORY HYDROGEOLOGY	
Methods Elective, choose from the following:		3-4
GEOL 49070	GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE	
GEOL 49230	REMOTE SENSING	
GEOL 42035	SCIENTIFIC METHODS IN GEOLOGY	
POL 30310	PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS	
SOC 32210	RESEARCHING SOCIETY (ELR) (WIC) ¹	
Social Sciences Electives, choose from the following:		15
ECON 32084	ECONOMICS OF THE ENVIRONMENT	
GEOL 31070	POPULATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT	
GEOL 45085	URBAN TRANSPORTATION	
GEOL 46070	URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING	
GEOL 46080	URBAN SUSTAINABILITY	
PHIL 30025	ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS	
POL 30350	ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION	
POL 40440	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICIES	
POL 40540	POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT (DIVG)	
SOC 42560	SOCIOLOGY OF FOOD	
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Foreign Language (see Foreign Language College Requirement below)		14-16
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)		9
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)		6
Kent Core Additional		6
College General Requirement (must be from Kent Core Basic Sciences) ²		3
College General Requirement (must be from Kent Core Social Sciences) ³		3
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 42 upper-division credit hours)		29
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

- ¹ A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.
- ² One additional course taken from the Kent Core Basic Sciences courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Biology (BSCI), Chemistry (CHEM), Geography (GEOG), Geology (GEOL) or Physics (PHY). The course may not be from the student's major.
- ³ One additional course taken from the Kent Core Social Sciences courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Applied Conflict Management (CACM), Geography (GEOG), Criminology and Justice Studies (CRIM), Political Science (POL), Psychology (PSYC) or Sociology (SOC). The course may not be from the student's major.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

Foreign Language College Requirement

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 14-16 credit hours of foreign language.¹ To complete the requirement, students have the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, plus one of the following options:

1. Intermediate I and II of the same language²
2. Elementary I and II of a second language
3. Any combination of two courses from the following list:
 - Intermediate I of the same language
 - MCLS 10001 INTRODUCTION TO STRUCTURAL CONCEPTS FOR LANGUAGE STUDENTS
 - MCLS 20000 GLOBAL LITERACY AND CULTURAL AWARENESS
 - MCLS 20091 VARIABLE CONTENT SEMINAR IN GLOBAL LITERACY: CASE STUDIES
 - MCLS 21417 MULTICULTURALISM IN TODAY'S GERMANY (DIVG)
 - MCLS 22217 DIVERSITY IN TODAY'S RUSSIA (DIVG)
 - MCLS 23217 THE FRANCOPHONE EXPERIENCE (DIVG)
 - MCLS 28404 THE LATIN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (DIVG)
 - MCLS 28405 THE SPANISH EXPERIENCE (DIVG)

- ¹ All students with prior foreign language experience should take the foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level at which to start. Some students may begin beyond the Elementary I level and will complete the requirement with fewer credit hours and fewer courses. This may be accomplished by (1) passing a course beyond Elementary I through Intermediate II level; (2) receiving credit through Credit by Exam (CBE), Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or College Level Examination Program (CLEP); or (3) being designated a "native speaker" of a non-English language (consult with the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Office for additional information). When students complete the requirement with fewer than 14 credit hours and four courses, they will complete remaining credit hours with general electives.
- ² Certain majors, concentrations and minors may require specific languages, limit the languages from which a student may choose or require coursework through Intermediate II. Students who plan to pursue graduate study may need particular language coursework.

Roadmap

Course	Title	Credits
Semester One		
ENVS 22070	NATURE AND SOCIETY	3
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
	Kent Core Requirement	3
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Credit Hours		13
Semester Two		
BSCI 10110	BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (KBS) (KLAB)	4
GEOL 21062	ENVIRONMENTAL EARTH SCIENCE (KBS)	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
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Credit Hours		16
Semester Three		
	Geography Elective	3
	Social Sciences Elective	3
	Foreign Language	4
	College General Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Four		
	Biological Sciences Elective	2-4
	Methods Elective	3-4
	Foreign Language	4
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	General Elective	4
Credit Hours		16
Semester Five		
	Geology Elective	3
	Social Sciences Elective	3
	Foreign Language	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	College General Requirement	3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Six		
ENVS 32091	ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND SUSTAINABILITY	2
	Social Sciences Elective	3
	Foreign Language	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	General Elective	3
Credit Hours		14
Semester Seven		
	Social Sciences Elective	3
	General Electives	12
Credit Hours		15
Semester Eight		
ENVS 42099	INTEGRATIVE SENIOR PROJECT (ELR) (WIC)	2
	Social Sciences Elective	3

General Electives	10
Credit Hours	15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	120