ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES - B.A.

College of Arts and Sciences
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- Delivery: In person
- Location: Kent Campus, Stark Campus

Examples of Possible Careers*
Compliance officers
- 4.6% about as fast as the average
- 337,600 number of jobs
- $71,100 potential earnings

Environmental science teachers, postsecondary
- 3.7% about as fast as the average
- 7,600 number of jobs
- $84,740 potential earnings

Environmental scientists and specialists, including health
- 7.8% faster than the average
- 90,900 number of jobs
- $73,230 potential earnings

Environmental science and protection technicians, including health
- 8.4% much faster than the average
- 34,700 number of jobs
- $46,850 potential earnings

Forestry and conservation science teachers, postsecondary
- 2.2% slower than the average
- 2,100 number of jobs
- $87,400 potential earnings

*Note
Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

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.

Environmental Studies students may apply early to the M.S. degree in Geography and double count 9 credit hours of graduate courses toward both degree programs. See the Combined Bachelor’s/Master’s Degree Program policy in the University Catalog for more information.

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.

First-Year Students on the Kent Campus: First-year admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon cumulative grade point average, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. Students not admissible to the Kent Campus may be administratively referred to one of the seven regional campus to begin their college coursework. For more information, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

First-Year Students on the Regional Campuses: First-year admission to Kent State’s campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent. Check with a regional campus admissions office to determine application requirements, as they may differ among campuses.

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, minimum 48 PTE score or minimum 100 DET score; or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

Transfer Students: For more information, visit the admissions website for transfer students.

Former Students: Former Kent State students or graduates who have not attended another college or university since Kent State may complete the reenrollment or reinstatement form on the University Registrar’s website.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:
1. Demonstrate an understanding of the environment and how it relates to human activity, human resource needs and human cognition.
2. Analyze the interconnections between environmental and human systems and how those play out in particular problem areas.
3. Evaluate 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**

- 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)**

- Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.

**Kent Core (see table below)**

- 36-37 credit hours
- Kent Core (course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

**Kent Core Requirements**

- Kent Core Composition (KCMP) 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**

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Biological Sciences Elective, choose from the following:

- BSCI 30275 LOCAL FLORA (ELR)
- BSCI 30277 ECONOMIC BOTANY
- BSCI 30360 GENERAL ECOLOGY
- BSCI 30361 BIOGEOGRAPHY
- BSCI 30362 INTRODUCTION TO BIOLOGY OF THE TROPICS
- BSCI 30370 CLIMATE CHANGE BIOLOGY
- BSCI 40170 STREAM BIOLOGY
- BSCI 40222 INVASION BIOLOGY
- BSCI 40385 FIELD METHODS IN ORNITHOLOGY (ELR)
- BSCI 40375 ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT
- BSCI 40525 WILDLIFE RESOURCES (ELR)
- BSCI 40558 MAMMALOGY
- BSCI 40560 HERPETOLOGY

**Methods Elective, choose from the following:**

- BSCI 40224 QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN BIOLOGY
- ESCI 40303 REMOTE SENSING
- ESCI 40235 DATA ANALYSIS IN THE EARTH SCIENCES
- GEOG 49075 GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE
- GEOG 49079 ENVIRONMENTAL DATA ANALYSIS IN R
- GEOG 49230 REMOTE SENSING
- SOC 32210 RESEARCHING SOCIETY (ELR) (WIC) 1

**Geography Elective, choose from the following:**

- ESCI 33025 WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT
- ESCI 42065 WATERSHED HYDROLOGY
- ESCI 42066 PHYSICAL HYDROLOGY

Social Sciences Electives, choose from the following:

- ARCS 30421 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPERATIVES
- ECON 32084 ECONOMICS OF THE ENVIRONMENT
- ENGL 35105 LITERATURE, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
- ENVS 30000 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REGULATIONS AND ASSESSMENT
- ENVS 46092 INTERNSHIP IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (ELR)
- ENVS 49195 SPECIAL TOPICS IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
- FDM 35012 SUSTAINABILITY IN FASHION
- GEOG 31070 POPULATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT
- GEOG 42064 SETTLING THE NORTH AMERICAN ENVIRONMENT
- GEOG 45085 URBAN TRANSPORTATION
- GEOG 46060 FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY
- GEOG 46070 URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING
- GEOG 46080 URBAN SUSTAINABILITY
- PACS 35050 ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION
- PHIL 30025 ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS (ELR)
- PLST 35001 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW FOR PARALEGALS
POL 30350  ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION  
POL 40440  U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICIES  
POL 40540  POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT (DIVG)  
RPTM 36082  INTERPRETATION OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES  
RPTM 36083  ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION  
SOC 42560  SOCIOLOGY OF FOOD  
SOC 42565  ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY  

Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)  
UC 10097  DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE  
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)  3  
Kent Core Additional  6  
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours)  37  

Minimum Total Credit Hours:  120  

1  A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

Graduation Requirements  
Minimum Major GPA: 2.000  
Minimum Overall GPA: 2.000  

Foreign Language College Requirement, B.A.  
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 need the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, plus one of the following options²:  
1. Intermediate I and II of the same language  
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  
   • ARAB 21401  
   • ASL 19401  
   • CHIN 25421  
   • MCLS 10001  
   • MCLS 20001  
   • MCLS 20091  
   • MCLS 21417  
   • MCLS 21420  
   • MCLS 22217  
   • MCLS 28403  
   • MCLS 28404  

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 start 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 one of the alternative credit programs offered by Kent State University; or (3) demonstrating language proficiency comparable to Elementary II of a foreign language. 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  
This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

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