

Major Map: Environmental Science Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

College of Arts and Sciences School of Earth, Ocean and Environment Bulletin Year: 2025-2026

This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding "critical courses" for this particular Program of Study.

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Critica	Course Subject and Title		Grade <sup>1</sup>		Code	Prerequisites	Notes
	ter One (17 Credit Hours)	Hours	Orauc	OI A	Oouc	1 Terequisites	Notes
I	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	С		CC-CMW		
•	BIOL 101 & 101L – Biological Principles I	4			CC-SCI		
	or MSCI 101 The Ocean Environment	-			00 001		
	ENVR 101 & 101L – Introduction to the Environment	4			PR		
	or GEOL 101 Introduction to the Earth	·					
	or GEOL 201 Observing the Earth (fall only)						
	or GEOG 201 Landform Geography						
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University	3			PR/CC		
	or Carolina Core Requirement <sup>3</sup>	Ü					
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Semes	ter Two (16-17 Credit Hours)						
!	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	С		CC-CMW	C or better in ENGL 101	
	'				CC-INF		
	MATH 122 Calculus for Bus. Admin. & Soc. Sciences	3-4	С		CC-ARP	MATH 111/111i/115 (MATH 122);	
	or MATH 141 Calculus I					MATH 115 (MATH 141); or placement	
						through the MAP	
	BIOL 102 & 102L – Biological Principles II	4			CC-SCI		
	or MSCI 102 The Living Ocean						
	Carolina Core Social Science (POLI 201 American	3			CC-GSS		
	National Government is strongly encouraged)						
	Foreign language⁵ or other Carolina Core	3			CC-GFL		
	Requirement <sup>3</sup>						
Semes	ter Three (17-18 Credit Hours)						
	MATH 142 Calculus II	3-4	С		CC-ARP	See Bulletin Listing	
	or MATH 170 Finite Mathematics						
	or MATH 172 Math. Modeling for the Life Sciences						
	or MATH 174 Discrete Math. for Computer Science		_				
	ENVR 201 Environmental Science & Policy I (fall only)	4	С		MR/CC-	Sophomore Standing	
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	CHEM 111 & 111L – General Chemistry I	4			PK	C or better in MATH 115 or	
	or CHEM 141 Principles of Chemistry I					MAP score (CHEM 111 & Lab); C or better in MATH 141 or MAP score	
						(CHEM 141)	
	Social Science	3			CR	(CITEIVI 141)	
	Foreign language <sup>5</sup> or other Carolina Core	3			CC-GFL		
	Requirement <sup>3</sup>	3			CC-GI L		
Semes	ter Four (17 Credit Hours)						
	ENVR 202 Envir. Science and Policy II (spring only)	4	С		MR/CC-		
		-			INT		
	CHEM 112 & 112L – General Chemistry II	4			PR	C or better in CHEM 111 and MATH	
	or CHEM 142 Principles of Chemistry II					111, 115 or higher math; Prereq or	
						Coreq: MATH 122, 141 or higher math	
						(CHEM 112 & Lab);	
						C or higher in CHEM 141 (CHEM 142)	
	Carolina Core Requirement <sup>3</sup> or Elective <sup>6</sup>	3			CC/PR		
	History <sup>6</sup>	3			CR		
	Foreign language <sup>5</sup> or Carolina Core Requirement <sup>3</sup>	3			CR/CC		
Semes	ter Five (14 Credit Hours)						
	Environmental Science Major Course <sup>8</sup>	3			MR		
	PHYS 201 & 201L – General Physics I	4			PR	C or better in MATH 111/111i/112/	
	or PHYS 211 & 211L – Essentials of Physics I					115/116/122/141 or higher (PHYS 201);	
		_				MATH 141 (PHYS 211)	
	Environmental Science Major Course <sup>7</sup>	4	С		MR		
	Carolina Core Requirement <sup>3</sup> or Elective <sup>6</sup>	3			CC/PR		

Semester Six (16 Credit Hours)				
Environmental Science Major Course <sup>7</sup>	3	С	MR	
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CSCE 106 Scientific Applications Programming or higher-level CSCE course or MSCI 305 Ocean Data Analysis or MSCI 509 MATLAB-Based Data Analysis in Ocean Sciences	3		CR	See Bulletin listing
STAT 515 Statistical Methods I	3		CR	C or higher in MATH 112, 115, 122 or 141; or both C or better in STAT 110 or higher and C or better in MATH 111; or placement through the MAP
Elective <sup>6</sup>	3		PR	-
Semester Seven (12 Credit Hours)				
Environmental Science Major Course <sup>7</sup>	3	С	MR	
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Elective <sup>6</sup>	3		PR	
Humanities or Fine Arts	3		CR	
Semester Eight (14-16 Credit Hours)				
Environmental Science Major Course <sup>7</sup>	2	С	MR	
Elective <sup>6</sup>	3		PR	
Elective <sup>6</sup>	3		PR	
Elective <sup>6</sup>	3		PR	
Elective <sup>6</sup>	3		PR	
Elective <sup>6</sup> (only if needed to meet hours to graduate)	0-2		PR	

**Graduation Requirements Summary** 

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
128	30	52-66	32-46	2.000

- 1. Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA.
- 2. Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
- 3. The Carolina Core provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
- 4. Students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score.
- 5. The College of Arts and Sciences requires one U.S. History and one non-U.S. History course, both of which must be chosen from the approved Carolina Core GHS courses. Whichever is not fulfilled through the Carolina Core GHS requirement must be fulfilled through this college requirement.
- 6. No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.
  - a. Environmental Science Major Courses (22-27 hours):Interdisciplinary Breadth Requirement (7-8 hours):students must choose 2 categories from below:
    - i. Geography Category: GEOG 202 or GEOL 335
    - ii. Geology Category: GEOL 310 or GEOL 315
    - iii. Biology/ENHS Category: BIOL 301 OR ENHS 660
  - Culminating Experience (2-4 hours): students must choose one of the following: ENVR 480; ENVR 460 or MSCI 460; any 500+ level major elective course, or ENVR/GEOL/MSCI 495.
  - c. Major Electives (13-15 hours): students, in consultation with their advisor, must develop a program of study which either provides a broad set environmental science courses or allows students to focus in a defined areas within a concentration. For a list of acceptable major course electives, please visit the Bulletin.

## **Program Notes:**

- Courses identified as "critical" must be completed in the student's first 60 semester hours of work in order for these courses to be credited toward graduation.
- All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade that covers the founding documents. This course may
  fulfill any requirement in the program of study. Courses that meet this requirement are listed in the academic bulletin.
- Environmental Science majors may enroll in a major course a maximum of twice to earn the required grade of C or higher. For the purposes of progression, withdrawal with a W does not constitute enrollment.
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

University Requirements: Bachelor's degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the Carolina Core page on the University website.

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Codes:					
CC Carolina Core	CC-INF Carolina Core – Information Literacy				
CC-AIU Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding	CC-INT Carolina Core – Integrative Course				
CC-ARP Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving	CC-SCI Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy				
CC-CMS Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component	CC-VSR Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility				
CC-CMW Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component	CR College Requirement				
CC-GFL Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language	MR Major Requirement				
CC-GHS Carolina Core – Historical Thinking	PR Program Requirement				
CC-GSS Carolina Core – Social Sciences					

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.