CATALOG TERM: 2026-2027 **TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED = 120**

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

- This worksheet is intended for supplemental use only. The University will use your Academic Requirements Report (ARR) to track your graduation requirements, including those for your major. Please continue to check your ARR for accuracy. If your ARR requires a correction, please submit an ARR Correction Form.
- Your Degree Planner will display the following requirements in the University's recommended sequence.
- All courses used for the major and preparation for the major must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or higher.
- All non-articulated courses MUST be reviewed and approved by a faculty advisor.
- A minimum of 18 units counted toward the major must be completed at CSUSM.
- Additional general elective courses may be required to satisfy the University's 120 overall unit requirement.

PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR (19-22 UNITS)

✓	Course	Units
☐	ENVS 100: Introduction to Environmental Studies	3
☐	ENVS 210: Research Methods in Environmental Studies	3
☐	GEOG 120: Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	4

Select 1 of the following courses:

BIOL 105: Introduction to Biology/Ecology (3)
BIOL 211: Introduction to Organismal/Population Biology (4) (For Environmental Biology minors only)

✓	Course	Units
☐		3-4

Select 1 of the following courses:

GES 101: Matter, Molecules, and the Environment (4) (*MATH 101, 105 or MATH Category I or II)
GEOG 110: Introduction to Physical Geography (3)
GEOG 210: Introduction to Oceanography (3)

✓	Course	Units
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Select 1 of the following courses:

SOC 201: Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences
BIOL 215: Experimental Design and Statistical Analysis
MATH 242: Introduction to Statistics (*MATH 105 or MATH Category I or II)

✓	Course	Units
☐		3

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (0-9 UNITS):

This requirement can be met in one of the following ways:

a. Intermediate 200-level (3rd semester) language course with a grade of C or higher or CR.
b. CSUSM Language Proficiency Exam demonstrating intermediate-level language proficiency.
c. AP Language other than English Examination with a score of 3 or higher.
d. IB Higher-Level Language A Literature Exam or Language A Language and Literature Exam with score of 4 or higher.
e. CLEP with the following minimum score: French Level II: 59; German Level II: 60; Spanish Level II: 63.
f. TOEFL or other CSUSM-approved English language exam as a condition for admission to CSUSM.
g. Completion at least 3 full-time years at a high school or university where English was not the principal language of instruction.
h. Intermediate-level ASL may fulfill this requirement; see Catalog for conditions.

✓	Proficiency met via:
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INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENT (IDSS) (3 UNITS)

Choose an approved lower-division IDSS course. This course may not double count with your major and must be in a discipline other than Environmental Studies.

✓	Course	Units
☐		3

UPPER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS (24 UNITS)

✓	Course	Units
☐	ENVS 300: Environmental Problems and Solutions	3
☐	ENVS 301: Place, Power, and the Environment	3
☐	ENVS 309: Principles of Environmental Policy	3
☐	ENVS 310: Environmental Impact Analysis	3
☐	ENVS 340: Environmental Justice	3
☐	GEOG 310: Climate and the Life in the Anthropocene (*GE Area 5A)	3
☐	PHIL 340: Ethics and the Environment	3

Select 1 of the following courses:

ENVS 490: Capstone in Environmental Studies (*ENVS 100, 210; ^ENVS 300, 301, 309 or 310)
ENVS 495C: Internship in Environmental Studies (*ENVS 100)

✓	Course	Units
☐		3

UPPER-DIVISION ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES ELECTIVES (12 UNITS)

Select 12 units from the following:

ENVS 305: Resilience and Society
ENVS 320: Environmental Planning (*ENVS 309, 310)
ENVS 325: Environmental Issues Through Film
ENVS 330: Social Ocean
ENVS 350: Sustainable Futures
ENVS 351: Outdoor Recreation and Tourism
ENVS 361: Diet and Planet
ENVS 390˜: Topics in Environmental Studies
ENVS 464: Food Politics and the Environment
ENVS 495A-C˜: Internship (*ENVS 100; consent)
ENVS 498A-C˜: Independent Study (*ENVS 100; consent)

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UPPER-DIVISION THEME COURSES (6 UNITS):

Choose 6 units from the following Concentration Courses. Students may also choose unused courses from the Upper-division Environmental Studies Electives, but they may not be double counted.

Artistic Expressions:

AMD 313: Digital Photo and the Environment
AMD 316: Art, Science and Technology
AMD 411: Data Visualization-Art/Environment
LTWR 346: US Environmental Literature

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Biodiversity and Conservation:

ANTH 470: Community Ethnobotany˜
ANTH 471: Plant Medicines (*ANTH 200 or 215)
BIOL 336: Coastal Environments
BIOL 339: Conservation Biology
BIOL 422: Marine Communities (*BIOL 354)
GEOG 350: Environmental Geography

Climate and Earth Systems:

BIOL 338: Human Impact on the Environment
CHEM 311: Chemicals and the Environment
GEOG 311: Earth: The Habitable Planet
GEOG 335: Adv. Spatial Statistics (*GEOG 120)

Environmental and Climate Justice:

ANTH 379: Environmental Health and Justice
GEOG 321: Cities and Climate Justice
SOC 439: Social Justice and the Environment

History, Culture, and Society:

AIS 440: Traditional Ecological Knowledge/Practice
ANTH 370: Environment, Population, Culture
ANTH 480: Local Archeological Practice
GEOG 307: Children/Environment (*UD standing)
GEOG 341: Nature/Society in CA (*UD standing)
HIST 340: Environmental History of the US
PSYC 338: Environmental Psychology
WGSS 304: Ecofeminism

Land Use:

GEOG 320: Patterns of San Diego County (*UD standing)
GEOG 450: Parks and Protected Areas

Natural Resources:

AIS 360: American Indian Water Rights
BIOL 318: Plants and Society
BRS 453: Border Water Conflicts (*UD standing)
ECON 325: Econ of the Environment (*ECON 201, 202)
GEOG 460: Food Systems/Emerging Markets
PSCI 462: Resource Wars

Policy:

PSCI 321: Making public Policy (*GE Area 4B)
PSCI 374: Political Theory and the Environment
PSCI 396: Green Planet Politics
PSCI 420: US Environmental Policy

Sustainability:

GEOG 352: Environment, Development and Sustainability
MGMT 474: Business Sustainability (*BUS 302)

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BREADTH REQUIREMENT (3 UNITS):

Select an upper-division Arts or Humanities (UD3 designated) or Social and Behavioral Sciences (UD4 designated) course outside of the major and in a discipline other than Environmental Studies.

✓	Course	Units
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