Environmental Policy and Planning, BS

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the university’s Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

Before the third semester begins: one introductory course in the major.

Before the fifth semester begins: five courses in the major.

Before the seventh semester begins: eight courses in the major and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: 12 courses in the major.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plans of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Planning Track

Course Academic Career Hours

Any Semester
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability

First Year
Fall
EES:1080 or ENVS:1085 Introduction to Environmental Science or Fundamentals of Environmental Science or The Global Environment 3 - 4
or GEOG:1020

GEOG:1070 Contemporary Environmental Issues 3

ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030 The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric 3 - 4
CISL:1600 Success at Iowa 2
Elective course c 3

Spring
ECON:1100 Principles of Microeconomics 4

STAT:2010 Statistical Methods and Computing 3
RHET:1030 Rhetoric 3 - 4 or ENGL:1200 The Interpretation of Literature
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion d 3

Second Year
Fall
ANTH:2261 or ANTH:1046 Human Impacts on the Environment or Environmental Politics in India 3
ENVS:2010 Interdisciplinary Environmental Seminar 1
GEOG:2013 Introduction to Sustainability 3
Major: upper-level statistics course 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course e 4 - 5

Spring
GEOG:2050 Foundations of GIS 4
Major: intermediate political science or history or geography course f 3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts d 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course e 4 - 5
Elective course c 2

Third Year
Fall
NAIS:1290 Native American Foods and Foodways 3 or ANTH:3103 or GEOG:3300 Environment and Culture or Envisioning Future Worlds: Sustainable Development and Its Alternatives

Major: intermediate communication course g 3
Major: planning track elective course 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course e 4 - 5

Spring
ECON:3625 Environmental and Natural Resource Economics or Environmental Economics and Policy 3
GEOG:3520 GIS for Environmental Studies 3
Major: intermediate political science or history or geography course f 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course e 4 - 5
Elective course c 2

Fourth Year
Fall
Major: planning track elective course 3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture d 3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives d 3
Elective course c 3
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Spring
Major: senior capstone research project h 1 - 3
Major: planning track elective course 3
Elective course c 3
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Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) 1

Hours  13-15
Total Hours  120-129

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b Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
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g Choose from CNW:2740, JMC:1800, RHET:3560, or RHET:3700.
h Choose from ENVS:3010 or GEOG:3992. Honors students choose from ANTH: 4995, GEOG:4995, POLI:4601, or both HIST: 3995 and HIST: 3996.
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Policy Track
Course Academic Career Hours

Any Semester

GE CLAS Core: Sustainability a

Hours  0

First Year
Fall
ENVS:1085 or EES:1080 or GEOG:1020 Fundamentals of Environmental Science b or Introduction to Environmental Science or The Global Environment  3 - 4
GEOS:1070 Contemporary Environmental Issues b  3
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030 The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric  3 - 4
CSI:1600 Success at Iowa  2
Elective course c  3

Hours  14-16

Spring
ECON:1100 Principles of Microeconomics b  4
STAT:2010 Statistical Methods and Computing b  3
RHET:1030 Rhetoric or ENGL:1200 or The Interpretation of Literature  3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion d  3
Elective course c  3

Hours  15

Second Year
Fall
ANTH:1046 or ANTH:2261 Environmental Politics in India or Human Impacts on the Environment  3
ENVS:2010 Interdisciplinary Environmental Seminar  1
GEOG:2013 Introduction to Sustainability  3
Major: upper-level statistics course  3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course e  4 - 5

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Spring
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Fall
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Major: intermediate communication course g  3
Major: policy track elective course  3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course e  4 - 5
Elective course c  3

Hours  16-17

Spring
GEOG:3520 GIS for Environmental Studies  3
Major: intermediate political science or history or geography course f  3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab d  4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course e  4 - 5
Elective course c  3

Hours  16-17

Fourth Year
Fall
Major: policy track elective course  3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture d  3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives d  3
Elective course c  3
Elective course c  3

Hours  15

Spring
GEOG:4750 or POLI:2417 Environmental Impact Analysis or Comparative Environmental Policy  3
Major: senior capstone research project h  1 - 3
Major: policy track elective course  3
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