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B.A. in Journalism: Environmental Studies/Journalism Major

**College of Humanities
Huxley College of the Environment**

What Is the Environmental Studies/Journalism Major?

This interdisciplinary program encompasses courses from Journalism in news writing, reporting, copy editing, hands-on desktop publishing, and photojournalism coupled with conservation history, physical science, biology and chemistry. The award-winning *Planet* magazine, written, edited and published by Environmental Studies/Journalism and other interested students, is published quarterly. Graduates of this major have assumed positions writing for local and regional papers, corporate newsletters, and local and national news organizations.

Why Should I Consider This Major?

Do you love to write? Do you want to present data in a way that people can make wise, informed decisions on critical environmental issues, ranging from global warming and population growth to wildlife and forest conservation? Then Environmental Studies/Journalism is the major for you.

How to Declare:

Pre-Major Declaration: Any student may declare as an Environmental Studies pre-major. The forms are available at the Huxley College Office in ES 539.

Admission to Huxley College and its majors is selective and based upon the following four criteria:

1. Completion of required preparatory course work
2. Academic performance (GPA)
3. A brief essay in response to a given question, and
4. Relevant experience.

Applications should be received by the Huxley College office by April 25 for admission to summer or fall quarters; October 6 for admission winter quarter; and January 15 for admission spring quarter.

Admission to Huxley College will automatically give you a declared major in Journalism as well as Huxley College.

Mid-Program Checkpoint:

Students intending to complete a major in Environmental Studies/Journalism within four years should complete the following courses by the start of their junior year. Students are expected to follow all prerequisite requirements for courses and seek early departmental advisement.

Huxley Preparatory Coursework:

BIOL 101 or BIOL 204
CHEM 121
Additional lab science in BIOL, CHEM, GEOL or PHYS
MATH 114 or 156
EGEO 203
ECON 206
PLSC course
BCOM or CCOM course
Introductory Statistics Course
Students must complete JOUR 207 with a B- or better.

Other Activities:

Get involved in environmental and/or journalistic issues and groups. Volunteer for environmental organizations.

Contact Information:

**Huxley College of the
Environment Website:**
<http://www.wwu.edu/huxley/>

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<http://www.wwu.edu/depts/journalism/>

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Sample Careers:

Reporter
Editor
Freelance Writer
Environmental News Reporter
Corporate Newsletter Editor
Environmental Magazine Staff



Environmental Studies/Journalism Major Requirements: 120-126 Credits

Required Preparatory Courses:

BIOL 101 Introduction to Biology (5)
Or BIOL 204 Introduction to Evolution, Ecology and Biodiversity (4)
CHEM 121 General Chemistry (5)
Additional Lab Science in Chemistry, Biology, Geology or Physics (5)
MATH 114 Precalculus (5)
Or MATH 156 Algebra w/Applications to Business & Economics (4-5)
Introductory Statistics Course, e.g. ANTH 335, DSCI 205, FAIR 232P, MATH 240, SOC 207 (4-5)
EGEO 203 Physical Geography (3)
ECON 206 Microeconomics (4)
Political Science: Any PLSC course (3-5)
Any BCOM or CCOM requirement (3-5)

Huxley Requirements: 41 credits

ESTU 480 Writing and Editing *The Planet* (2)
ESTU 481 Environmental Journalism (4)
ESTU 482 Editing *The Planet* (2)
Ecological Processes: One of the following (3-4 credits)
ESCI 302 Environmental Pollution (4)
ESCI 310 Environmental Systems (4)
ESCI 325 Fundamentals of Ecology (3)
ESCI 392 Introduction to Global Change (3)
Applied Environmental Science: One of the following (3-4 credits)
ESCI 309 Exploring Environmental Data (4)
ESCI 321 Oceanography (4)
ESCI 330 Natural History of the Pacific Northwest (4)
ESCI 333 Introduction to Environmental Toxicology (4)
ESCI 361a Water Quality (3)
ESCI 463 Wetlands for Wastewater Treatment (3)
Capstone Course: list available on Huxley College Website (4-5)
Upper-division electives under faculty advisement (12-17) credits

These courses are offered within this major and may be used to satisfy GUR or Writing Proficiency requirements.

BCOM: JOUR 207
QSR: MATH 114 or 156, 240
HUM: JOUR 340
SSC: PLSC 250, ECON 206, JOUR 190, ESTU 202
ACGM: PLSC 346
BCGM: JOUR 375
LSCI: BIOL 101, CHEM 121, EGEO 203, add'l Lab Science
WP: Three Writing Proficiency points are required for graduation (they are noted as WP1, WP2, and WP3). Check [Classfinder](#) or [Online Timetable](#) for departmental offerings each quarter.

Journalism Courses: 43 credits

JOUR 190 Introduction to Mass Media (5)
JOUR 207 Newswriting (**must be completed with B- or better**) (4)
JOUR 307 Reporting (5)
JOUR 309 Editing (5)
JOUR 350 Mass Media Law (previously Law and the Press) (4)
JOUR 430 Field Internship (6)
JOUR 450 Advanced Reporting (5)
JOUR 480 Senior Seminar (4)

Three Journalism Staff Courses (6 credits minimum):

Select one from the following:

JOUR 214 Newspaper Staff (3)
JOUR 314 Newspaper Staff (3)
JOUR 414 Newspaper Staff (3)
JOUR 415 Newspaper Editorship (3)

Select one from the following:

JOUR 321 Periodical Staff (2)
JOUR 421 Periodical Staff (2)
JOUR 422 Periodical Editorship (4)

Select one additional course from the lists above or an additional quarter of ESTU 480

Some of the journalism staff course requirements may be waived by substitution of equivalent professional experience. The journalism *Outside Concentration* requirements are satisfied by the Environmental Studies portion of the program.

Other Environmental Studies or Journalism Options:

B.A. in Environmental Education (85 credits)
B.A. in Planning an Environmental Policy (85 credits)
B.A. in Environmental Studies/Economics (85 credits)
B.A. in Journalism—News/Editorial Sequence (73 credits)
B.A. in Journalism—Public Relations Sequence (78 credits)
Minor in Environmental Studies (24 credits)
Minor in Environmental Education (26 credits)
Minor in Environmental Policy (20-25 credits)
Minor in Sustainable Design (30-32 credits)
Minor in Journalism (35 credits)