

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

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What is the study of Environmental Studies/Journalism?

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 an Environmental Studies/Journalism 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.

Declaring an Environmental Studies/Journalism Major:

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.

Major Declaration: Once you have completed or are completing all of the required

preparatory courses, apply to Huxley College. Applications are available online or in the Huxley College office in ES 539. Application due dates are May 2nd for Fall Quarter, October 20th for Winter Quarter, and January 28th for Spring Quarter. The application also requires a

brief essay and a list of relevant experience. 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.

Coursework:

Complete Huxley preparatory coursework:

CHEM 115 or 121

BIOL 101

Additional lab science in BIOL, CHEM, GEOL or PHYS

MATH 114 or 156

EGEO 203

ECON 206

PLSC course

BCOM 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.

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Sample Career Fields:

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

Environmental Studies/Journalism Major Requirements: 84 Credits

Required Preparatory Courses:

CHEM 115 or 121 General Chemistry (5)

BIOL 101 Introduction to Biology (5)

Additional Lab Science in Chemistry, Biology, Geology or Physics (5)

MATH 114 Precalculus or MATH 156 Algebra with Applications to Business and Economics (4-5)

Introductory Statistics Course (e.g. SOC 207, MATH 240, DSCI 205, ANTH 335) (4-5)

EGEO 203 Physical Geography or GEOL 211 Physical Geology (4)

Economics: Preferably ECON 206 Microeconomics (4)

Political Science: Any PLSC course (3-5)

Communication Block B: Any BCOM requirement (3-5)

Huxley Requirements: 41 credits

*ESTU 306 Introduction to Huxley College (1) *Cancelled Requirement

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)

Applied Environmental Science: One of the following (3-4 credits)

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)

Approved Capstone Course: list available in Huxley College Office (4-5)

ESTU 480 Writing and Editing *The Planet* (2)

ESTU 481 Environmental Journalism (4)

Electives: Upper-division electives under faculty advisement (21 credits)

Other Environmental Studies or

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 (69 credits)

B.A. in Journalism—Public Relations Sequence (73 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 (32 credits)

Journalism Courses: 43 credits

JOUR 207 Newswriting (must be completed with B- or better) (4)

JOUR 190 Introduction to Mass Media (5)

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 (2)

JOUR 314 Newspaper Staff (2)

JOUR 414 Newspaper Staff (2)

JOUR 415 Newspaper Editorship (3)

Select one from the following:

JOUR 221 Periodical Staff (2)

JOUR 321 Periodical Staff (2)

JOUR 421 Periodical Staff (2)

JOUR 422 Periodical Editorship (3)

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.

These required or elective courses will also satisfy the GUR or other Graduation Requirement:

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 115 or 121, EGEO 203,
Additional Lab Science

WP: JOURN 321, 421, 480; ESTU 480