

Environmental Studies and Philosophy, BA

Through this combined major, successful undergraduates will develop an awareness of the scientific, cultural, and political aspects of the world's environmental problems while considering the philosophical, moral, and ethical impacts that such decisions have on human-environment interactions. Due to overlap in course content, students majoring in Environmental Studies or any Environmental Studies combined majors may not complete a minor in Environmental and Sustainability Sciences.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA degree language requirements, for a total of 12 semester hours of language study or demonstrated equivalent proficiency, as described in Additional Requirements for BA students (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>). Successful demonstration of proficiency does not reduce total minimum semester hours of study required to earn the BA degree.

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

Environmental Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introductory Courses		
<i>Science</i>		
Choose one introductory science course:		4-5
ENVR 1101	Environmental Science	
ENVR 1200 and ENVR 1201	Dynamic Earth and Lab for ENVR 1200	
ENVR 1400 and ENVR 1401	Foundations in Environmental and Sustainability Sciences and Lab for ENVR 1400	
<i>Social Science</i>		
Choose one introductory social science course:		4
ANTH 1101	Peoples and Cultures	
ENVR 2401	Food Justice and Community Development	
PHIL 1180	Environmental Ethics	
SOCL 1246	Environment and Society	
Scientific Foundations of Environmental Systems		
Complete one of the following:		4
ENVR 1110	Global Climate Change	
ENVR 3150	Food Security and Sustainability	
ENVR 3200	Water Resources	
Human Foundations of Environmental Systems		
Complete one of the following:		4
ENVR 2515	Sustainable Development	
PHTH 2414	Environmental Health	
SOCL 4522	Environmental Justice	
Skills Course		
ENVR 3300 and ENVR 3301	Geographic Information Systems and Lab for ENVR 3300	5
Electives		
Complete four of the following, three of which must be at the 3000 level or higher:		16

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ARTG 5110	Information Design History
BUSN 3110	The Consulting Environment
CIVE 5280	Remote Sensing of the Environment
COMM 3500	Environmental Issues, Communication, and the Media
EEMB 3466	Disease Ecology
EEMB 3700	Desert Ecology
ENVR 3201	Coastal Sustainability: Ecology and Coupled Human-Natural Systems in Southeast Asia
ENVR 3202	Coastal Sustainability: The Blue Economy of the Gulf of Maine
ENVR 3701	Energy in the Desert Ecosystem
ENVR 4504	Environmental Pollution
ENVR 5210	Environmental Planning
ENVR 5350	Sustainable Energy and Climate Solutions
ENVR 5563	Advanced Spatial Analysis
ENVR 5750	Urban Ecology
ENVR 5800	Climate Adaptation and Nature-Based Solutions
FINA 2720	Sustainability in the Business Environment
JRNL 3650	Science Writing
LPSC 2301	Introduction to Law, Policy, and Society
PHIL 1180	Environmental Ethics
PHTH 1270	Introduction to Global Health
POLS 2395	Environmental Politics and Policy
PPUA 5268	International Environmental Policy

Philosophy Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Philosophy Required Courses		
PHIL 1115	Introduction to Logic	4
PHIL 1180	Environmental Ethics	4
PHIL 2325 or POLS 2325	Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought	4
PHIL 2330	Modern Philosophy	4
Philosophy of Science/Environment		
Complete one of the following:		4
PHIL 1105	Science and Pseudoscience	
PHIL 3050	Information and Uncertainty	
PHIL 4510	Philosophy of Science	
PHIL 4555	Philosophy of Biology	
Advanced Electives		
Complete two PHIL courses with a designation of 3000 or above not used to satisfy another requirement, and at least one at 4000 or 5000 level.		8
Critical Philosophy Elective		
Take one of the following courses not used to fulfill another requirements:		4
AFAM 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies	
PHIL 1104	Goddesses, Witches, Saints, and Sinners: Women and Religion	
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	
PHIL 2155	Human Rights	
PHIL 2492	Indigenous Philosophy	
PHIL 2619	Race and Religion in Film	
PHIL 3500	Sexuality, Gender, and the Law	
PHIL 3822	Philosophy of Race and Racism	
Additional Philosophy Electives		
Complete two additional PHIL electives, not used to satisfy another requirement.		8

Integrative Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Complete two of the following. Courses used for electives may not be used as integrative courses:		
COMM 3532	Theories of Conflict and Negotiation	8
ENVR 4050	Solving Emerging Environmental Challenges through Capstone	
ENVR 4997	Senior Thesis	
ENVR 5210	Environmental Planning	
ENVR 5220	Ecosystem-Based Management	

Environmental Studies and Philosophy Combined Major Credit Requirement

Complete 78 semester hours in the major.

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study

Sample Plan of Study: Four Years, Two Co-ops in Summer 2/Fall

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENVR 1101		4 ENVR 2515		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
PHIL 1115		4 ENVR 3150		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
PHIL 1180		4 PHIL 2325 or POLS 2325		4			
Elective		4 Elective		4			
		16			16	8	
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENVR 3300 and ENVR 3301		5 ENVR elective; 2 of 4		4 Critical Philosophy Elective		4 Co-op	
PHIL 1105 or 4510		4 PHIL Restricted Elective		4 Elective		4	
PHIL 2330		4 Elective		4			
ENVR elective; 1 of 4		4 Elective		4			
		17			16	8	
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		ENVR elective; 3 of 4		4 Integrative Course #1		4 Co-op	
		ENVR elective; 4 of 4		4 Integrative Course #2		4	
		PHIL 4000/5000 Elective		4			
		PHIL Elective		4			
		0			16	8	
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
Co-op		PHIL Elective		4			
		Elective		4			
		Elective		4			
		Elective		4			
		0			16		

Total Hours: 129