EN VIRONMENTAL STUDIES COURSES

1. Multidisciplinary Courses in Environmental Studies 4 semester hours
By examining the broad dimensions of environmental studies, these courses present various perspectives that highlight the complex relationships between people and the environment and that transcend the boundaries of any particular discipline. Students select one of the following multidisciplinary courses that anchor their understanding of environmental issues. This course should be completed prior to enrolling in either ENVT 350 or 499.

ENVT/GEOS 104: Conservation of Natural Resources (NS, SM)
ENVT/RELI 239: Environment and Culture (RG)

2. Disciplinary Breadth in Environmental Studies
Each course explores the key content, ways of inquiry, conceptual framework, and modes of communication of the discipline. Students take courses from each of three areas of study that provide an in-depth exposure to environmental issues within a discipline.

A. The Environment and Science 8 semester hours
These courses emphasize the understanding of scientific knowledge that underpins environmental issues. The interpretation and presentation of data along with concepts of science are stressed. Students select two courses (from two different departments) from the following:

BIOL 116: Introductory Ecology (NS, SM)
BIOL 366: Comparative Ecology of Latin America (Pre-req: BIOL 226)
BIOL 367: Conservation Biology & Management (Pre-req: BIOL 226)
BIOL 368: Ecology (Pre-req: BIOL 226)
BIOL 369: Marine Biology (Pre-req: BIOL 226)
CHEM 104: Environmental Chemistry (NS, SM)
(Course majors may substitute with CHEM 115)
GEOS 332: Geomorphology (Pre-req: GEOS 201)
GEOS 334: Hydrogeology (Pre-req: GEOS 201)

B. The Environment and Society 8 semester hours
These courses focus on understanding the institutions within which environmental decisions are made and investigating the implementation and implications of environmental decisions. They also consider how human communities have shaped and been shaped by their environment and how these relationships have changed over time. Students select two courses (from two different departments) from the following:

ANTH 368: Edible Landscapes, The Foraging Spectrum (C, SO)
ECON 111: Principles of Microeconomics: Global and Environmental (SO)
ECON 311: Energy and Natural Resource Economics (Pre-req: ECON 101 or 111)
ECON 313: Environmental Economics (Pre-req: ECON 101 or 111)

3. Interdisciplinary Advanced Courses 12 semester hours
Each student will complete these three synthesis courses that integrate methods and content of various academic perspectives to develop approaches to complex environmental challenges. The courses serve to raise questions, create projects, and produce explanations that cannot be addressed within the framework of a single discipline.

ENVT 350: Environmental Methods of Investigation (Pre-req: 104 or 239)
ENVT 498: Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Analysis (Pre-req: 350 & experiential learning)
ENVT 499: Capstone: Senior Project (Pre-req: 350 & 498)

4. Additional Requirements for an Environmental Studies major
• A complementary major or minor in another discipline
• A minimum of 20 semester hours of upper-division course work in the Environmental Studies major
• Completion of a pre-approved experiential learning activity
• All ENVT courses must be completed with grades of C- or higher & cumulative GPA in ENVT courses must be 2.00 or higher.

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