

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**  
**COLLEGE OF ATMOSPHERIC AND GEOGRAPHIC SCIENCES**  
 THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education:  
**Summer 2015 through Spring 2016**

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	
Total Credit Hours	120
Total Upper-Division Credit Hours	40
<b>Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:</b>	
Minimum in OU Coursework	2.25
Minimum in Major Coursework – Combined and OU	2.25
Overall – Combined and OU	2.25

Environmental Sustainability:  
**Science & Natural Resources**  
**B408 P591**  
 Bachelor of Arts in  
 Environmental Sustainability

**OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.**

GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS Courses graded P/NP will not apply.		Courses required for the major or major support may <u>not</u> also fulfill University-Wide General Education Requirements	
		MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS
Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College of Atmospheric & Geographic Sciences requirements must be from the approved General Education course list at <a href="http://www.ou.edu/content/geded/courses.html">http://www.ou.edu/content/geded/courses.html</a> . <b>University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences Requirements</b> Courses graded P/NP will not apply <b>Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication</b> (9-22 hours, 3-6 courses) A. <b>English Composition</b> (6 hours, 2 courses) 1. English 1113, Principles of English Composition 2. English 1213, Principles of English Composition, or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing B. <b>Foreign Language</b> (0-10 hours in the same language) Students who have not completed two years of the same foreign language in high school are required to take two college courses in the same foreign language. 1. Beginning Course (0-5 hours) _____ 2. Beginning Course, continued (0-5 hours) _____ C. <b>Mathematics</b> (3 hours, 1 course). _____ <b>Core Area II: Natural Science</b> (7 hours, 2 courses) including one laboratory component. 1. _____ 2. _____ <b>Core Area III: Social Science</b> (6 hours, 2 courses) 1. Political Science 1113, American Federal Government 2. _____ <b>Core Area IV: Humanities</b> (12 hours, 4 courses) a: <b>Understanding Artistic Forms</b> (3 hours, 1 course) _____ b. <b>Western Civilization and Culture</b> (6 hours, 2 courses) 1. History 1483, U.S., 1492-1865, or History 1493, U.S., 1865-Present, 2. _____ (excluding HIST 1483 and 1493) c. <b>Non-Western Culture</b> (3 hours, 1 course): _____ <b>Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience</b> (3 hours, 1 course): _____ At least three hours of Upper-Division General Education coursework must be completed outside the major.		<b>CORE (28 hours, 9 courses)</b> GEOG 1203, Global Environmental Issues 3 GEOG 3233, Principles of Sustainability 3 GEOG 3443, Environment & Society 3 GEOG 3773, Geography of the U.S. 3 GEOG 3924, Quantitative Methods 4 GIS 4013, Fundamentals of GIS 3 GEOG 4523, Life Cycle Analysis 3 GEOG 4893, Research Methods 3 GEOG 4953, Capstone 3  <b>Science &amp; Natural Resources (12 hours)</b> A minimum of 12 hours, to be chosen from the following courses, with no more than two courses from one department. BIOL 3563, Biological Conservation BIOL 4423, Stream Ecology CEES 4243, Water Technologies for Emerging Regions GEOG 3023, Principles of Physical Geography GEOG 3253, Environmental Conservation GEOG 3563, Geography of Natural Resources GEOG 3890, Selected Studies: Water & Society GEOG 4200, Internship in Geography GEOG 4283, Biogeography GEOG 4293, Hydrologic Science GEOG 4343, Climate, History & Society GEOL 3154, Environmental Geology METR 4553, Climate & Renewable Energy PBIO 3453, Principles of Plant Ecology PBIO 4623, Ecosystem Ecology RCPL 4863, Environmental Assessment Methodologies SOC 3643, Population & Society  _____ 3 _____ 3 _____ 3 _____ 3	<b>Additional College Requirements</b> <b>Adviser-Approved Electives (24 hours)</b> Twenty-four hours of adviser-approved coursework relevant to the student's field(s) of study. These 24 hours are to be outside the student's major School or Department, and must include six hours at the upper-division level (3000-4000-level).  _____ 3 _____ 3 _____ 3 _____ 3 _____ 3 _____ 3  <b>Free Electives</b> Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120 including 40 upper-division hours.
<b>Additional College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences Bachelor of Arts Requirements:</b> <b>Humanities or Social Science Elective (3 hours, 1 course).</b> To be chosen from the University-Wide General Education Approved List. Humanities/Social Science: _____ <b>Natural Science Elective (3-4 hours, 1 course).</b> With or without a laboratory component. To be chosen from the University-Wide General Education Approved List. Natural Science: _____ <b>Foreign Language (6 hours, 2 courses at the intermediate level).</b> If the student successfully places beyond the second intermediate course, the 16 hours of required foreign language will become free electives. Intermediate Course (3 hours) _____ Intermediate Course (3 hours) _____			

# INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

**TOTAL HOURS:** A minimum of 120 semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed.

**UPPER-DIVISION HOURS:** A minimum of 40 upper-division semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed. OU courses numbered 3000 or above are upper-division. Transfer work is counted as lower-division or upper-division credit depending on the level at which it was offered at the institution where it was earned. Two-year college work is accepted only as lower-division credit.

**SENIOR INSTITUTION HOURS:** A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.

**RESIDENCY:**

- A minimum of two semesters must be spent in residence in the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences.
- At least 36 of the last 48 hours must be completed in residence at OU.

**INDIVIDUAL STUDIES:** No more than six hours of independent study or directed readings may be applied toward degree requirements.

**GRADEPOINT AVERAGES:** Students must earn a minimum overall 2.25 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA, GPA for all major courses, and GPA for all major courses taken at OU.

**Refer to the OU General Catalog for more complete information.**

**Suggested Semester Plan of Study — Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Sustainability: Science & Natural Resources (B408 P591)**

This plan shows one possible grouping of courses that would allow students to graduate in four years. Please refer to the front of the degree checklist for official requirements. Students must consult with College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences and/or Department of Geography academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Atmospheric & Geographic Sciences, and Environmental Sustainability major requirements.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER	Hours	SECOND SEMESTER	Hours
<b>FRESHMAN</b>	ENGL 1113, Principles of English Composition (Core I) Beginning Foreign Language I (Core I)	3 5	ENGL 1213, Principles of English Composition (Core I), or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)	3
	HIST 1483, United States 1492-1865, or 1493, United States 1865-Present (Core IV) GEOG 1203, Global Environmental Issues (Core III) <sup>1</sup> General Education Non-Western Culture (Core IV)	3 3 3 3	Beginning Foreign Language cont. (Core I) P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III) <sup>1</sup> General Education Math (Core I)	5 3 3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>SOPHOMORE</b>	<sup>1</sup> General Education Natural Science with lab (Core II) <sup>1</sup> General Education Social Science (Core III) <sup>1</sup> General Education Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV) Intermediate Foreign Language (College elective)	4-5 3 3 3	<sup>1</sup> General Education Natural Science (Core II) <sup>1</sup> General Education Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV) Intermediate Foreign Language (College elective) GEOG 3924, Quantitative Methods <sup>3</sup> College Elective	3-4 3 3 4 3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>13-14</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16-17</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	GEOG 3233, Principles of Sustainability <sup>3</sup> College Elective <sup>3</sup> College Elective <sup>2</sup> Science & Natural Resources Concentration Elective <sup>1</sup> Humanities Elective	3 3 3 3 3	GEOG 3443, Environment and Society GEOG 3773, Geography of the United States <sup>3</sup> College Elective <sup>2</sup> Science & Natural Resources Concentration Elective <sup>1</sup> Natural Science Elective	3 3 3 3 3-4
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15-16</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	GEOG 4453, Geographic Information Systems GEOG 4543, Life Cycle Analysis GEOG 4893, Research Methods & Professional Development <sup>3</sup> College Elective <sup>2</sup> Science & Natural Resources Concentration Elective	3 3 3 3 3	GEOG 4953, Capstone <sup>3</sup> College Elective <sup>3</sup> College Elective <sup>3</sup> College Elective <sup>2</sup> Science & Natural Resources Concentration Elective	3 3 3 3 3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup>= To be chosen from the University-Wide General Education Approved Course List. Three hours of general education must be upper-division outside the major.

<sup>2</sup>= A minimum of 12 hours, to be chosen from the following **concentration**, with no more than two courses from one department:

**Science and Natural Resources:** BIOL 3563, 4423; CEES 4243; GEOG 3023, 3253, 3563, 3890 (Water and Society), 4200, 4283, 4293, 4343; GEOL 3154; METR 4553; PBIO 3453, 4623; RCPL 4863; SOC 3643.

<sup>3</sup>= Twenty-four hours of adviser-approved coursework relevant to the student's field(s) of study. These 24 hours are to be outside the student's major School or Department, and must include six hours at the upper-division level (3000-4000-level).

**Bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 48 hours of upper-division (3000-4000) coursework.**

This plan of study should not be used in lieu of academic advisement.

**Adviser-Approved Electives (24 hours)**

Twenty-four hours of adviser-approved coursework relevant to the student's field(s) of study. These 24 hours are to be outside the student's major School or Department, and must include six hours at the upper-division level (3000-4000-level).
