

Environmental Science Major

Total Major hours: 52
Suggested hours per semester: 14 - 16

Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2026-2027

The catalog is the final authority on CATC and major requirements; this is intended as a tool for planning purposes. Student course sequencing may vary depending on course offerings and other variables.

<p>Fall Semester 1</p> <p>ENVR 212/GEOL 212: Dynamic Earth and Environment¹ ENVR 231: Environmental Law, Justice and Development (2)^F</p> <p><i>CORE 101: First Year Seminar</i> <i>CORE 131: H. Human Flourishing (1)</i> <i>First Year CATC options-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>COMM 101: Oral Comm (2)</i> ▪ <i>ENGW 103: First-Year Writing</i> ▪ <i>Language Core Competency or Thematic Core Course</i> 	<p>Spring Semester 1</p> <p>ENVR 212/GEOL 212: Dynamic Earth and Environment¹, if not complete HNDR 114: Poverty, Justice, and Transformation¹ OR URBN 114: Social Life of Cities¹</p> <p><i>First Year CATC Options</i> <i>Language Core Competency</i> <i>BITH 211/ARCH 211: Old Testament</i></p>	<p>Summer 1</p> <p><u>Wheaton in the Black Hills³</u></p> <p>BIOL 242: Diversity of Life, Botany and Zoology⁴ BIOL 351: Ecology and Evolution^{4*}</p>
<p>Fall Semester 2</p> <p>ENVR 231: Environmental Law, Justice and Development (2)^F, if not complete CHEM 231: General Chemistry I^F ENVR 371: Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (2)^F</p> <p><i>Thematic Core or Core Competency Courses (4-8)</i> <i>BITH 213/ARCH 213: New Testament</i></p>	<p>Spring Semester 2</p> <p>ENVR 341 Environmental Statistics and Modeling^{S#1*} OR ENVR 381 Pollution and Toxicology^{S#*}</p> <p><i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>BITH 315: Christian Thought*</i> <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar*</i></p>	<p>Summer 2</p> <p><u>Wheaton in the Black Hills³</u></p> <p>BIOL 242: Diversity of Life, Botany and Zoology⁴ BIOL 351: Ecology and Evolution^{4*}</p> <p><i>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options – Wheaton-In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), non-major internship, or summer research</i></p>
<p>Fall Semester 3</p> <p>CHEM 231: General Chemistry I^F, if not complete ENVR 371: Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (2)^F, if not complete ENVR electives²</p> <p>Semester off campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIC • ISDSI • DIS <p><i>Thematic Core or Core Competency Courses (4-8)</i></p>	<p>Spring Semester 3</p> <p>ENVR 341 Environmental Statistics and Modeling^{S#1*} or ENVR 381 Pollution and Toxicology^{S#*}, if not complete ENVR electives²</p> <p><i>Thematic Core or Core Competency Courses (4-8)</i> <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar*, if not complete</i></p>	<p>Summer 3</p> <p>ENVR 496: Internship⁵</p> <p><i>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options.</i></p>

Fall Semester 4	Spring Semester 4	Summer 4
ENVR electives ² Semester off campus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIC • ISDSI • DIS • HNGR <i>Complete CATC Coursework</i>	ENVR 494 Environmental Science Capstone* ENVR 496 Environmental Science Internship ^{5*} , if not complete ENVR electives ² <i>Complete CATC Coursework</i>	ENVR 496: Internship ⁵ , if not complete

Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:

*Course has a prerequisite

^F Fall only course

^S Spring only course

Offered every other year

¹ Courses that meet the CATC Thematic Core tags (a maximum of 3 tags can meet both Thematic Core and major requirements): ENVR 212 (SP), GEOL 212 (SP), HNGR 114 (GP, SI), URBN 114 (GP, SI), ENVR 341 (AAQR)

² A minimum of 12 credits is required for the major.

³ A field course is required. Wheaton in the Black Hills is the best option for this, as it also covers the required Biology courses. The HNGR program and other off-campus programs note that students who go to Wheaton in the Black Hills are very well prepared for their program.

⁴ These courses are offered at The Wheaton College Field Station in South Dakota in the summer through Wheaton in the Black Hills. BIOL 351 is offered every fall, and BIOL 242 is offered every spring.

⁵ ENVR 496, an internship (or equivalent research experience, ENVR 495), is required. These are 320-hour experiences (8 weeks, 40 hours a week). Normally, this is done in the summer between your third and fourth year. Students who have completed enough technical coursework (including a field course) sometimes do this after their second year. HNGR and Wheaton in Chicago internships may count for this requirement if they meet department requirements.

- If interested in environmental science graduate study, additional studies in the basic sciences is usually needed: An additional semester or two of chemistry, and some graduate programs will also require calculus.