

BS ENVIRONMENTAL EARTH AND SOIL SCIENCES 2022-2026

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Note: No Major, Support or Concentration courses may be selected as credit/no credit.

MAJOR COUF	RSES	
NR 140	Careers in Natural Resources Management and	1
	Environmental Sciences	
ERSC 144	Introduction to Earth Science	4
ERSC 223	Rocks and Minerals	4
ERSC 303	Soil Erosion and Water Conservation	4
ERSC/GEOG 333	Human Impact on the Earth ¹	3-4
or BRAE 345	Aerial Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing	
or GEOG 325		
or GEOG 350	The Global Environment	
or MATH 142	Calculus II	
SS 120	Introductory Soil Science	4
SS 221	Soil Health and Plant Nutrition	4
SS 321	Soil Morphology	4
SS 422	Soil Ecology ²	4
or ERSC 423	Geomorphology	
SS 423	Environmental Soil and Water Chemistry	5
SS 424	Environmental Soil Physics - Senior Project	5
BOT 121	General Botany (B2 & B3) ³	4
CHEM 127	Gen CHEM for Ag & Life Science I (B1 & B3) 3	4
CHEM 128	Gen CHEM for Ag & Life Science II	4
CHEM 129	Gen CHEM for Ag & Life Science III	4
CHEM 312	Organic Chemistry: Fundamentals and Applications	5
GEOL 201	Physical Geology	3
GEOL 241	Physical Geology Laboratory	1
GEOL 415	Structural Geology ²	4
or GEOL 330	Principles of Stratigraphy	
MATH 161	Calculus for the Life Sciences I (B4) ³	4
or MATH 141	Calculus I (B4) 3,4	
NR/LA 218	Intro to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	3
NR 310	Global Climate Change (Upper-Division B) 3	4
NR 363	Undergraduate Seminar	2
NR 418	Applied GIS	3-4
or NR 355	Drone Assisted Surveying	
or NR 416	Environmental Impact Analysis & Mgmt	
or SS 431	Digital Soil Mapping	
PHYS 121	College Physics I	4
or PHYS 141	General Physics IA ⁵	
STAT 218	Applied Statistics for the Life Sciences (GE Electives) $^{\rm 3}$	4
or STAT 217	Introduction to Statistical Concepts and Methods	
	32 units) or Approved Electives (20 units) in	20-32
combination wit	h Free Electives ^{6,7,8}	
Total Major U	nits 115-12	29

	AL EDUCATION	
Area A E	English Language Communication and Critical Th	inking
A1	Oral Communication	4
A2	Written Communication	4
A3	Critical Thinking ⁹	4
Area B S	Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning	
B1	Physical Science (4 units in Major) ³	0
B2	Life Science (4 units in Major) ³	0
В3	One lab taken with either a B1 or B2 course	
B4	Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (4 units in	0
	Major) ³	
Upper-Div	vision B (4 units in Major) ³	0
Area C A	Arts and Humanities	
Lower-div	vision courses in Area C must come from three different	subject
prefixes.		
C1	Arts	4
C2	Humanities	4
Lower-Div	vision C Elective - Select a course from either C1 or C2	4
Upper-Div	vision C ¹⁰	4
Area D S	Social Sciences - Select courses in Area D from a	t least
two diffe	erent prefixes	
D1	American Institutions (Title 5, Section 40404 Req)	4
D2	Lower-Division D ¹¹	4
Upper-Di	vision D ¹²	4
Area E L	ifelong Learning and Self-Development	
Lower-Div	vision E	4
Area F E	thnic Studies	
F	Ethnic Studies	4
GE Electiv	ves in Areas B, C, and D	
Select cou	urses from two different areas; may be lower- or upper-d	iv
courses		
GE Electiv	ves (4 units B in Major) ³	0
	ves (Area C or D)	4
Total GE	Units	52
FREE EI	LECTIVES	0-13

FOOTNOTES

TOTAL DEGREE UNITS

1 Students in the Geology concentration need to take MATH 142 to meet prerequisites for courses in the concentration. Students interested in the Soil Geotechnical Studies are encouraged to take MATH 142 to meet prerequisites for courses in that area. Students interested in taking NR 355 need to take BRAE 345 to meet prerequisites.

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- 2 Students in the Geology concentration must take ERSC 423 and GEOL 415 to meet requirements for this concentration.
- 3 Required in Major or Support; also satisfies General Education (GE) requirement.
- 4 Students in the Geology concentration need to take MATH 141 to meet prerequisites for courses in the concentration. Students interested in the Soil Geotechnical Studies Approved Electives area must take MATH 141 to meet prerequisites for courses in that area.
- 5 Students in the Geology concentration need to take PHYS 141 to meet prerequisites for courses in the concentration. Students interested in the Soil Geotechnical Studies Approved Electives area must take PHYS 141 to meet prerequisites for courses in that area.
- 6 Unless a concentration is declared, the default will be a combination of Approved Electives and Free Electives.
- 7 Students who do not declare a concentration are encouraged to use Approved Electives and Free Electives to earn a minor. See the below Approved Electives Guide for recommended minors.
- 8 If a course is taken to meet a Major or Support requirement, it cannot be double-counted as an Approved Elective.
- 9 Recommended course to satisfy GE Area A3: ENGL 147.
- 10 Recommended courses to satisfy GE Area Upper-division C: NR 360 or ENGL 316.
- 11 Recommended course to satisfy GE Area D2: GEOG 150.
- 12 Recommended courses to satisfy GE Area Upper-division D: BRAE 349, GEOG 308, or NR 323.



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Geology Concentration			
GEOL 301	Physical Models in the Geosciences	4	
GEOL 303	Computation & Visualization in the Geosciences	3	
GEOL 305	Seismology and Earth Structure	4	
GEOL 309	Igneous Petrology	3	
GEOL 311	Metamorphic Petrology	3	
GEOL 330	Principles of Stratigraphy	4	
GEOL/ERSC 416		4	
GEOL/ERSC 417		4	
GEOL 420	Applied Geophysics	3	
Total Units		32	

Hydrology Concentration				
ERSC 442	Applied Environmental Groundwater Hydrology			4
or ERSC 443	Applied Environmental Contaminant Transport			
Select from the	Select from the following:			4
MATH 142	Calculus II ¹			
MATH 162	Calculus for the	e Life Sciences II		
NR 320	Watershed Processes and Management			4
NR 420	Watershed Ass	essment and Prot	ection	4
PHYS 122	College Physics II		4	
or PHYS 142	General Physic	s II		
SS 431	Digital Soil Mapping			4
or SS 440	Forest and Range Soils			
Approved Electives ¹				
Select from the	e following:			8
BRAE 331	BRAE 532	NR 400	SS/BIO/NR 421	
BRAE 340	ERSC 423	NR/CRP 408	SS 431	
BRAE 345	ERSC 442	NR 422	SS 440	
BRAE 435	ERSC 443	NR/RPTA 472		
Total Units		•		32

¹ If a course is taken to meet a Major requirement, it cannot be double-counted in the concentration.

Approved Electives Guide

Approved Electives are courses that support the below career areas. Refer to number(s) next to each course to identify which courses align with each of the career areas. Consultation with an advisor is recommended prior to selecting Approved Electives; bear in mind your selections may impact pursuit of post-baccalaureate studies and/or goals.

- 1. Climate Change Science
- 2. Environmental Mitigation Strategies
- 3. Environmental Policy and Management
- 4. Environmental Soil Science
- 5. Forest and Environmental Practices
- 6. Geospatial Technology
- 7. Soil Geotechnical Studies
- 8. Sustainable Agriculture
- 9. Urban Forestry

If any of the remaining 52 units of general education is used to satisfy an approved elective, aditional free electives may be needed to complete the total units for the degree. A student may earn one or more of the minors listed below through the appropriate selection of Approved Electives in combination with Free Electives (refer to advising materials for the minor). However, students in this major may not obtain minors in Environmental Soil Science or Geology as the subject areas in these minors are substantially covered in this major.

Anthropology and Geography; Biology; Geographic Information Systems for Agriculture; Indigenous Studies in Natural Resources and the Environment; Sustainable Environments; Water Science

Approved Electives ^{6,7,8} Select from the following:

At least 8 units must be upper-division (300-400 level). No more than 6 units of NR 339 may count towards the degree. Courses used to meet a degree requirement cannot double count as an elective.

AG/PLSC 315	Principles of Organic Crop Production ⁸	NR 141	Introduction to Forest Ecosystem Management ^{5, 9}
AG 339	Internship in Agriculture ⁸	NR 142	Environmental Management ^{8, 9}
AG/EDES/	The Global Environment ^{1, 8}	NR 200	Special Problems for Undergraduates 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
ENGR/ISLA/		NR 203	Resource Law Enforcement
SCM/UNIV 350		NR 204	Wildland Fire Control ^{5, 9}
AG 360	Holistic Management ^{5, 8}	NR 208	Dendrology ^{5, 9}
AGB 212	Agricultural Economics ⁸	NR 215	Land and Resource Measurements ⁵
AGB 312	Agricultural Policy ⁸	NR 260	Forest Operations ⁵
AGB 369	Agricultural Personnel Management ⁸	NR 306	Natural Resource Ecology & Habitat Mgmt ^{2, 5, 6, 9}
AGC 205	Agricultural Communications	NR/ES 308	Fire and Society ⁵
ANT 201	Cultural Anthropology ¹	NR 312	Technology of Wildland Fire Management ⁵
or ANT 202	World History Before Writing	NR 315	Forest Mensuration ⁵
ANT 250	Biological Anthropology ¹	NR 320	Watershed Processes and Management ⁵
ARCE 211	Structures I ⁷	NR 323	Human Dimensions in Natural Resources Management 1, 2, 3
or CE 204	Mechanics of Materials I	NR 324	Soc Dimensions of Sustainable Food & Fiber Sys ⁸
ARCE 212	Structures II ⁷	NR 326	Natural Resources Economics and Valuation 1, 3, 5
or ME 211	Engineering Statics	NR 339	Internship in Forest & Natural Resources 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
ARCE 223	Mechanics of Structural Members ⁷	NR 340	Wildland Fire Management 5, 9
or CE 207	Mechanics of Materials II	NR 350	Urban Forestry ^{5, 9}
ARCE 422	Foundation Design ⁷	NR 355	Drone Assisted Surveying ^{5,6}
ASCI 112	Principles of Animal Science ⁸	NR/ES 360	Ethnicity and the Land ⁵
ASCI 221	Introduction to Beef Production ⁸	NR 365	Silviculture and Fuels Management ⁵



MCRO 436

 ${\rm Microbial\ Ecology\ }^5$

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ASCI 223	Systems of Small Ruminant Management ⁸	NR 400	Special Probs for Adv Undergraduates 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
ASCI 239	Principles of Rangeland Management 1,2,3,8	NR/ES 406	Indigenous Peoples & International Law & Policy 9
ASCI 311	Advanced Beef Cattle System Management 8	NR 413	Agricultural Law 1, 2, 3, 4, 8
ASCI 372	CA Rangeland & Ranch Resource Management 1,2,3,8	NR 420	Watershed Assessment and Protection ⁵
ASCI 465	Applied Practices for Monitoring CA Rangelands ^{1,2,3,8}	NR 422	Stream Measurements & Water Quality Monitoring 5, 9
BIO 329	Vertebrate Field Zoology ²	NR 434	Wood Properties, Products and Sustainable Uses ^{5, 9}
BIO 400	Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates ^{2, 5}	NR 435	Environmental Policy Analysis ^{1, 3}
BIO 427	Wildlife Management ²	NR 445	Sys Thinking in Environmental Mgmt. 1,2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
BIO 435	Plant Physiology ⁵	NR 455	Wildland-Urban Fire Protection ^{5, 9}
BOT/PLSC 323	Plant Pathology ⁸	NR 472	Leadership Practice 3, 5
BOT 326	Plant Ecology ²	NR 474	Forest Stewardship Practices 3,5
BIO 447	Spatial Ecology ^{2,6}	NR 475	Senior Project - Forest Stewardship 3,5
BRAE 141	Agricultural Machinery Safety ⁸	PHIL 340	Environmental Ethics ^{1, 3}
BRAE 142	Agricultural Power and Machinery Management 8	PHYS 122	College Physics II ⁴
BRAE 150	Design Graphics & CAD for Agricultural Engineering 5, 6	or PHYS 142	General Physics II
BRAE 237	Introduction to Engineering Surveying ⁵	PHYS 143	General Physics III ⁷
BRAE 239	Engineering Surveying ^{5, 6}	PHYS 410	Physics of Solid Earth ⁷
BRAE/NR 247	Forest Surveying ⁵	PLSC 123	Landscape Installation and Maintenance ^{5, 9}
BRAE 333	Aquacultural Engineering 1,2,3,8	PLSC 124	Plant Propagation ^{5, 9}
BRAE 340	Irrigation Water Management ^{5, 8}	PLSC 203	Organic Enterprise Project 8
BRAE 345	Aerial Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing ⁶	PLSC 230	Environmental Horticulture 8,9
BRAE 348	Energy for a Sustainable Society 1	PLSC 233	Plant Materials I ^{5, 9}
BRAE/NR 349	Water for a Sustainable Society 1,2,3,8	PLSC 234	Plant Materials II ^{5, 9}
BRAE 447	Advanced Surveying with GIS Applications ⁶	PLSC 244	Precision Farming 6, 8
CE 112	Design Principles in Civil Engineering ⁶	PLSC 313	Agricultural Entomology ⁸
CE 113	Computer Aided Drafting in Civil Engineering ⁶	PLSC 321	Weed Biology and Management 5, 8
CE 204	Mechanics of Materials I ⁷	PLSC 327	Vertebrate Pest Management ⁵
CE 381	Geotechnical Engineering	PLSC 350	Abiotic Plant Problems ⁹
& CE 382	and Geotechnical Engineering Laboratory ⁷	PLSC 381	Native Plants for California Landscapes 8, 9
or ARCE 421	Soil Mechanics	PLSC 420	Organic Crop Production Systems 8
CHEM 314	Biochemistry: Fundamentals and Applications ⁴	PLSC 425	Arboriculture ^{5, 9}
CHEM 331	Quantitative Analysis ⁴	PLSC 431	Insect Pest Management ⁸
CHEM 341	Environmental Chemistry: Water Pollution ⁴	PLSC 441	Biological Control for Pest Management ⁸
CRP 212	Introduction to Urban Planning 3, 5, 6, 9	PLSC 445	Cropping Systems ⁸
CRP 336	Introduction to Environmental Planning ^{5, 6}	PLSC 450	Current Issues in the Strawberry Industry 8
CRP/NR 404	Environmental Law ¹	POLS 112	American and California Government ³
CRP/NR 408	Water Resource Law and Policy ^{2, 3, 5, 8}	POLS 245	Judicial Process ³
CRP 420	Land Use Law ^{3, 5}	POLS 332 POLS 341	World Food Systems
CSC/CPE 101	Fundamentals of Computer Science ⁶		American Constitutional Law ³
ECON 221	Microeconomics ³	POLS 343	Civil Rights in America ³
EDES 406	Sustainable Environments 8	POLS 344	Civil Liberties ³
ENGL 147 ENGL 316	Writing Arguments about STEM ^{1, 2, 3}	PSC 201	Physical Oceanography 1
ENVE 264	Writing Sustainability 1, 2, 3	PSC 320 RPTA 112	Energy, Society and the Environment ¹
	Environmental Fluid Mechanics ⁷		Introduction to Parks and Outdoor Recreation ³
ENVE 324 ERSC/GEOG 250	Introduction to Air Pollution 1	RPTA 210 RPTA 255	Experience Design ³
ERSC/GEOG 325	Physical Geography ¹	RPTA 302	Leadership and Diverse Groups ²
ERSC/GEOG 323	Climate and Humanity ¹	RPTA 302 RPTA 325	Environmental and Wilderness Education ³
ERSC/GEOG 414 ERSC/GEOG 415	Global and Regional Climatology ¹	SS/ERSC 270	Leadership in Outdoor Experiences ³
ERSC 423	Applied Meteorology and Climatology	SS 322	Selected Topics (2) 4
ERSC 442	Geomorphology ^{4, 6}	SS/NR/BIO 421	Soil Plant Relationships 4, 8
ERSC 442 ERSC 443	Applied Environmental Groundwater Hydrology 4	SS 431	Wetlands ^{2, 4, 5}
GEOG 150	Applied Environmental Contaminant Transport 4	SS 440	Digital Soil Mapping 3, 4, 5, 6, 9
GEOG 308	Human Geography 1,3	SS 444	Forest and Range Soils ^{4, 5, 9}
GEOG 328	Global Geography ¹	SS/ERSC 470	Soil Judging ⁴
GEOG 400	Applications in Remote Sensing and GIS ^{1, 6}	SS/ERSC 470 SS/ERSC 471	Selected Advanced Topics ⁴
GEOG 435	Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates ¹	SS 522	Selected Advanced Laboratory ⁴
GEOG 441	Biodiversity and Biogeography Methods	SS 582	Advanced Soil Fertility ⁴
GEOL 203	Advanced Applications in Geospatial Technologies ¹	STAT 313	GIS in Advanced Land Management ⁴
GEOL 206	The Geologic Record: Fossils and the History of Life ¹	STAT 331	Applied Experimental Design & Regression Models ⁶
GEOL 305	Geologic Excursions ⁷	UNIV 391	Statistical Computing with R ⁶
GEOL 400	Seismology and Earth Structure ⁷	WVIT 233	Appropriate Tech for World's People: Development 8
GEOL 420	Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates ⁷	WVIT 331	Basic Viticulture 8
JOUR 203	Applied Geophysics ⁷	WVIT 331	Advanced Viticulture - Fall 8
MATH 142	News Reporting and Writing ⁵	WVIT 332 WVIT 333	Advanced Viticulture - Winter 8
	Calculus II 4		Advanced Viticulture - Spring 8
or MATH 162	Calculus for the Life Sciences II	WVIT 428	Winegrape Vineyard Management 8
MATH 143	Calculus III ⁷		and any upper division AG, ANT, BIO, BOT, BRAE, CHEM,
MATH 241	Calculus IV ⁷		VE, ERSC, GEOG, GEOL, JOUR, MCRO, PLSC, NR, RPTA, SS, or
MCRO 221	Microbiology ⁵	UNIV courses	
MCDO 426			