ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES | INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

This degree program uses an interdisciplinary approach to provide the scientific and technical foundation needed to integrate and communicate the diverse environmental issues associated with urban, agricultural, and natural ecosystems. Students develop an understanding of the best use of our natural resources for their social and economic benefits while protecting associated resource values, property rights and the environment. This degree provides a solid grounding in the areas of hydrology, soil science, pest management, water resources, and agricultural ecology.

About this Program

• College: Agricultural and Life Sciences
• Degree: Bachelor of Science
• School: Natural Resources and Environment
• Credits for Degree: 120
• Additional Information
  • Related Environmental Management in Agriculture and Natural Resources Programs

To graduate with this major, students must complete all university, college, and major requirements.

This major is for students who desire education in environmental management with substantial emphasis on agriculture and natural resources.

Graduates will find employment with agricultural producers, consulting companies and government agencies that are involved in maintaining a sustainable environment.

Related Environmental Management in Agriculture and Natural Resources Programs

• Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management in Agriculture and Natural Resources, UF Online

Critical Tracking

Critical Tracking records each student’s progress in courses that are required for entry to each major. Please note the critical-tracking requirements below on a per-semester basis.

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida Common Course Prerequisites may be used for transfer students.

Semester 1

• Complete 1 of 6 critical-tracking courses, excluding labs: AEC 3030C or SPC 2608, BSC 2005/BSC 2005L or BSC 2010/BSC 2010L, CHM 2045/CHM 2045L, CHM 2046/CHM 2046L, MAC 2233, STA 2023
• 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
• 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 2

• Complete 2 additional critical-tracking courses, excluding labs
• 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
• 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 3

• Complete 2 additional critical-tracking courses, excluding labs
• 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
• 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 4

• Complete 1 additional critical-tracking course, excluding labs
• 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
• 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 5

• Complete all critical-tracking courses, including labs
• 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
• 2.0 UF GPA required

Model Semester Plan

To remain on track, students must complete the appropriate critical-tracking courses, which appear in bold. These courses must be completed by the terms as listed above in the Critical Tracking criteria.

This semester plan represents an example progression through the major. Actual courses and course order may be different depending on the student’s academic record and scheduling availability of courses. Prerequisites still apply.

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& 2046L and General Chemistry 2 Laboratory (Critical Tracking; Gen Ed Physical Sciences)
IUF 1000 What is the Good Life (Gen Ed Humanities) 3
STA 2023 Introduction to Statistics 1 (Critical Tracking; Gen Ed Mathematics) 3
Gen Ed Composition; Writing Requirement 3
Semester Three
Select one: 3
AEC 3030C Effective Oral Communication (Critical Tracking) 3
SPC 2608 Introduction to Public Speaking (Critical Tracking) 3
Select one: 4
BSC 2005 Biological Sciences and Laboratory in Biological Sciences (Critical Tracking; Gen Ed Biological Sciences) 4
BSC 2010 Integrated Principles of Biology 1 and Integrated Principles of Biology Laboratory 1 (Critical Tracking; Gen Ed Biological Sciences) 4
GLY 2030C Environmental and Engineering Geology (Gen Ed Physical Sciences) 3
Select one: 3
PHY 2020 Introduction to Principles of Physics (Gen Ed Physical Sciences) 3
PHY 2004 Applied Physics 1 (Gen Ed Physical Sciences) 3
Elective 3
Semester Four
ALS 3133 Agricultural and Environmental Quality (Gen Ed Physical Sciences) 3
MAC 2233 Survey of Calculus 1 (Critical Tracking; State Core Gen Ed Mathematics) 3
Select one: 4
Gen Ed Humanities
Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences
Credits 13
Semester Five
AEC 3033C Research and Business Writing in Agricultural and Life Sciences (Writing Requirement) 3
ALS 3153 Agricultural Ecology 3
SWS 3022 Introduction to Soils in the Environment (Gen Ed Physical Sciences) 3
Approved elective 3
Credits 12
Semester Six
AEB 3133 Principles of Agribusiness Management 3-4
or MAN 3025 or Principles of Management 3-4
Select one: 3
ENY 3005 Principles of Entomology and Principles of Entomology Laboratory 3
IPM 3022 Fundamentals of Pest Management 3
SWS 4244 Wetlands 3
Approved elective 3
Elective 3
Credits 15-16
Academic Learning Compact

The interdisciplinary major in environmental management in agriculture provides students with the scientific and technical foundation to integrate and communicate the diverse environmental issues associated with agriculture and natural resources. Students will be able to deal in an informed manner with the agricultural regulations and permitting requirements established by various agencies and jurisdictions, and students will achieve an appreciation for the complexities of agricultural practices. Students will learn to integrate, balance and communicate the mix of agricultural and environmental issues that need to be addressed in modern society.

Before Graduating Students Must

- Complete an approved senior-year research project, SWS 4905, related to management and science skills.
- Achieve minimum grades of C in AEC 3030C and AEC 3033C. These courses are graded using rubrics developed by a faculty committee.
- Complete requirements for the baccalaureate degree, as determined by faculty.

Students in the Major Will Learn to

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

Content
1. Appraise similarities between agronomic production and environmental protection issues.
2. Describe the role of soil and water in transport of contaminants in ecosystems and illustrate the interconnectedness of ecosystems and ecosystem components with specific examples.

Critical Thinking
3. Cite specific examples of natural resources and environmental public policy issues and identify contending stakeholder interests with respect to each issue.
4. Develop a plan for the analysis of an environmental / agricultural study using geographic information systems software.
5. Critically evaluate natural resource policies using basic economic tools and applying ecological, social and political criteria.

Communication
6. Create, interpret and analyze written text, oral messages and multimedia presentations used in agricultural and life sciences.