Natural Resource Management

Why study natural resource management?

This track has a strong social science focus. It assumes that most environmental problems are fundamentally caused by mistakes in human behavior, and that better scientific information is but one of many factors affecting our ability to solve environmental problems. Reflecting that successful environmental managers operate at the junction of overlapping natural and social systems, students supplement ESM's core curriculum in the physical and biological sciences with work in resource economics, law, planning, and public policy. It is geared towards those who are interested in working in policy-oriented roles in environmental affairs. Typical career tracks include working for federal, state or local natural resources agencies, environmental consulting firms, governmental liaison offices of private corporations, or non-profit organizations addressing environmental issues. Many graduates of this track also go to professional or graduate school in law, environmental policy, natural resources management, regional planning, public policy, or related fields.



Preparatory Subject Matter Requirements

		Quarter(s)			•
Preparatory Subject Matter		Offered	Units	Completed	Notes
Written and Oral Expression				•	
UWP 101, 102A-G, 104A-F	Upper Division Writing	I, II, III, IV	4		May test out of requirement
					UWP 102G, Env Writing, offered I, III
CMN 1, 3, or DRA 10	Public Speaking	I, II, III, IV	4		
Biological Sciences					
BIS 2A	Essentials of Life on Earth	I, II, III, IV	5		
BIS 2B	Principles of Ecology and Evolution	I, II, III, IV	5		
BIS 2C	Biodiversity and the Tree of Life	I, II, III, IV	5		
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Geology					
Choose one of the following GEL 1	The Earth		4		
		I, II, III	4 3		
GEL 50 (recommended)	Physical Geology	I, II, III	3		
Chemistry					
CHE 2A or 2AH	General Chemistry	I, II, IV	5		
CHE 2B or 2BH	General Chemistry	II, III, IV	5		
CHE 2C or 2CH (recommended, not required)	General Chemistry	I, III, IV	5		
Physics					
Complete either 1AB or 7ABC					
PHY 1A	General Physics	I, II, IV	3	-	
PHY 1B	General Physics	II, III	3		
PHY 7A	General Physics	I, II, III, IV	4		
PHY 7B	General Physics	I, II, III, IV	4		
PHY 7C	General Physics	I, II, III, IV	4		
Economics					
ECN 1A	Principles of Microeconomics	I, II, III, IV	4		
	Findiples of Microeconomics	1, 11, 111, 17	4		
Mathematics					
MAT 16A, 17A, or 21A	Calculus	I, II, III, IV	3-4		MAT 17AB recommended
MAT 16B, 17B, or 21B	Calculus	I, II, III, IV	3-4		
Environmental Science and Policy					
ESP 1	Environmental Analysis	I	4		
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Core Subject Matter Requirements

NOTE: Students graduating with this major are required to attain at least a C average (2.0 GPA) in all courses taken at the university in Depth Subject Matter and pass all coursework. See requirements of the College of Agriculture & Environmental Science in the UC Davis General Catalog.

Depth Subject M	latter (29-32 Units)	Prerequisites	Qtr(s)	Units	Completed
Global Enviro ESM 120	nment Global Environmental Interactions	One college-level chemistry and biology course	II	4	
Ecology (Choose one of ESP 100	the following) General Ecology	BIS 2A-C and MAT 16A-B, STA 13 recommended	I, III, IV	4	
EVE 101	Introduction to Ecology	BIS 2A-C and MAT 16A-B, STA 13 recommended BIS 2A-C and MAT 16A-B or the equivalent	I, III, IV I, II, III, IV	4 4	
Policy ESP 162	Environmental Policy	ECN 1A	II	4	
Statistics (Choose one of the following – Statistics 100 recommended)					
STA 13 STA 100	Elementary Statistics Applied Statistics for Biological Sciences	Two years of high school algebra or equivalent in college MAT 16B or the equivalent	I, II, III, IV I, II, III, IV	4 4	
Environmental Monitoring (Choose one of the following)				_	
ESM 108 ESP 179	Environmental Monitoring Environmental Impact Assessment	Entry level course in the environmental sciences Upper division standing, one course in environmental science	III II, IV	3 4	
GIS Technology					
ABT/LDA 150	Introduction to GIS	PLS 21 or equivalent with consent of instructor	I, III	4	
Internship ESM/ESP 192	Internship	Upper division standing, permission of instructor Variable unit – must take at least 3 units of internship May complete internship in a different area with prior approval (e.g.: PLS, SSC, ATM)	I, II, III, IV	3	
Capstone ESM 195	Integrating Env Science & Management	Senior standing; Environmental science major (e.g.: ESM, EPAP, ETX, WFC)	III	2	
Honors Thesis (Optional)					
ESM 194H	Senior Honors Thesis	Senior standing, Overall GPA of 3.50 or higher; Consent of the master adviser		2-6	

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Select three environmental policy courses								
ESP 160	The Policy Process	POL 1; ECN 1A; intermediate statistics	Ш	4				
ESP 165N	Climate Policy	ECN 1A, ESP 1, or consent of instructor	III	3				
ESP 166N**	Ocean & Coastal Policy	ESP 1 or consent of instructor	II	3				
ESP 167**	Energy Policy	ECN 1A; MAT 16B, 17B, or 21B; or consent of instructor	Ш	4				
ESP 168A	Methods of Env Policy Evaluation	STA 13; ECN 100 or ARE 100A; MAT 16B, 17B, or 21B; ESP 1	I	5				
ESP 169**	Water Policy & Politics	POL 1 or ECN 1A	III	3				
ESP 171	Urban & Regional Planning	ESP 1	III	4				
ESP 172	Public Lands Management	ECN 1A	I	4				
ESP 179	Environmental Impact Assessment	Upper division standing; one course in environmental science	II, IV	4				
SOC 160	Sociology of the Environment	Upper division standing in Sociology strongly recommended	II	4				
Select one en	vironmental law course							
ESP 161	Environmental Law	Upper division standing; one course in environmental science; POL 1 and UWP 1 recommended	III, IV	4				
HYD 150	Water Law	ESM 100 or 121 or consent of instructor	II	3				
Complete								
STA 103	·		I, II, III, I	V 4				
Select two bid	ological processes courses	, , , ,						
ENT 104	Behavioral Ecology of Insects	Introductory biology or zoology	II	3				
ESM 141**	Fire Ecology	BIS 2A or PLS 2, BIS 2B or 2C	ii	4				
ESM/PLS 144	Trees & Forests	PLS 2 or BIS 2C	ı. İ	4				
ESP 151	Limnology	Upper division standing; BIS 2A	iII	4				
ESP 155	Wetland Ecology	ESP 100 or PLB 117; ESP 110 or 151 recommended	i	4				
EVE 115*	Marine Ecology	ESP 100, EVE 101, or BIS 2B	II	4				
PLB/EVE 117	Plant Ecology	BIS 2A-C; PLB 111 recommended	ï	4				
PLS 130**	Rangelands: Ecology, Cons, & Restoration	BIS 2C; intro ecology course & upper div standing recommended	il	3				
WFC 110	Biology & Conservation of Wild Mammals	BIS 2A-C; EVE 101 or ESP 100 or equivalent	 III	3				
WFC 111	Biology & Conservation of Wild Birds	BIS 2A-C; EVE 101 or ESP 100 or equivalent	i	3				
WFC 120	Biology & Conservation of Fishes	BIS 2A-C	i	3				
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ATM 116**	Climate Change	UWP 1; Consent of instructor	III	4				
ESM 121	Water Science & Management	PHY 10 or GEL 1	III	3				
ESM 131	Air as a Resource	CHE 10	II	3				
SSC 100	Principles of Soil Science	CHE 2A-B, PHY 1A-B, BIS 2A; GEL 50, BIS 2C recommended	I	5				
	mote sensing course							
ESM 185	Aerial Photo Interpretation & Remote Sensing	Upper division standing	I	4				
ESM 186	Environmental Remote Sensing	MAT 16B; PHY 7C or 9B; ABT 150 rec.; upper division standing	11	5				

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