



**Associate of Arts Degree in Environmental Studies Worksheet
(Students Entering Fall 2023 and following)**

Overview: Students must complete all of the General Education requirements, plus a course from a subject area of student's choice in each of the Major specific domains (Understanding the Natural World, Humans in the Environment, and Creating Community). Exemplar courses are provided, or a course or endeavor that matches the subject area - as indicated in course catalogue or course syllabi - can be written in. Some courses can be applied to multiple subject areas, however, if a course is written into one area it cannot also be applied to a second area.

Major Specific Requirements

UNDERSTANDING THE NATURAL WORLD (3-4 credits total)

Either:

Earth Systems (Subject Area 2)

Examples: _____NS260 *Geology* (4 cr)

_____NS268 *Intra. to Climate Science* (4 cr)

Write in: _____

Or:

Biodiversity (Subject Area 3)

Examples: _____NS200 *Watershed Ecosystem Analysis* (4 cr)

_____NS247 *Soil, Plants & Microbes I* (4 cr)

Write in: _____

Or:

Research Methods (Subject Area 4)

Examples: _____NS247 *Soil, Plants & Microbes I* (4 cr)

_____HM264 *Oral History Methods and Meaning* (4 cr)

_____NS301 *Field Ecology* (4 cr)

Write in: _____

HUMANS IN THE ENVIRONMENT (3-4 credits total)

Either:

Arts & Creativity course (Subject Area 7)

Examples: _____HM125A *Introduction to Woodworking* (3-4 cr)

_____HM230A *Introduction to Fiber Arts* (4 cr)

Write in: _____

Or:

Writing, Literature, and Culture course (Subject Area 8)

Examples: _____HM326 *Nature Writing* (4 cr) WI

_____HM345 *Literature of the Rural Experience* (4 cr) WI

_____HM471 *Global Environmental Literature* (4 cr) WI

Write in: _____

Or:

Living Within Limits (Subject Area 9)

Examples: _____INT268 *Intra. to Sustainable Living* (4 cr) WI

_____SS310 *Land Use Planning* (4 cr)

_____NS335 *Renewable Energy Design and Analysis* (4 cr)

Write in: _____

CREATING COMMUNITY (3-4 credits total)

Either:

Learning How We Learn (Subject Area 12)

Examples: _____SS240 *Education and Learning Theory* (4 cr)

_____SS330 *Experiential Curriculum Design* (4 cr)

Write in: _____

Or:

Economics and Wellbeing (Subject Area 13)

Examples: _____SS271B *Wellbeing Economy* (4 cr)

_____SS317 *Small Business Management* (4 cr)

Write in: _____

Or:

Civic Engagement: Voice, Participation & Policy (Subject Area 14)

Examples: _____SS202 *Environmental Policy and Law* (4 cr) WI

_____INT271F *Climate + Change* (4 cr)

Write in: _____

General Education Requirements

FOUNDATIONAL COURSES (10-12 credits total):

Ecology (Subject Area 1)

_____NS107A *Foundations of Ecology* (4 cr)

Cultural Histories (Subject Area 6)

Choose one: _____HM107 *Foundations of Environmental Humanities* (4 cr)

_____INT107 *Foundations of Sust. Agriculture & Food Systems* (4 cr)

Living in Community (Subject Area 11)

Choose one: _____INT100A-D *A Sense of Place* (4 cr)

_____SS106A *Expedition II* (4 cr)

SCAFFOLDING SEMINARS (2 credits total)

_____INT1xx *First Year Seminar* (1 cr; waived if transfer in with 30+ credits)

_____INT272C *Career Planning Skills* (1 cr; waived if transfer in with 60+ credits)

FURTHER GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

_____Math Competency

At least one 'writing intensive' course:

Write in: _____

_____Satisfactory completion of Work Program in final semester in which enrolled

_____ **60 total credits**

INTERNSHIP (4-6 credits total)

_____SS300 *Practicum in Environmental Stewardship* (4-6 cr)

EXPERIENTIAL ENDEAVORS (8 credits total)

(Complete two endeavors. Students can participate in endeavors at a higher level by instructor permission (for example, as a Course Associate or Teaching Assistant). Examples of endeavors are provided below)

Example Endeavors:

_____AS100A *Tools and Their Applications* (4 cr)

_____AS195A *Green Woodworking* (4 cr)

_____AS212A *Value-Added Food Production* (4 cr)

_____AS270 *Holistic Livestock Husbandry* (4 cr)

_____AS372 *Expedition Planning & Management* (4 cr)

_____HM271H *Local Fiber Systems* (4 cr)

_____NS372A *Agroforestry and Plant Propagation* (4 cr)

_____NS381A *Forest Ecology & Management* (4 cr)

_____NS/SS256 *Environmental Education* (4 cr)

Or write in: _____

This worksheet is an advising aid to be used by students and advisors. Note that final degree audits are completed by the Office of Academics through the Sterling College SIS system. Concentration areas are not available for AA degrees. Students can petition to waive or substitute requirements on this checklist based on prior coursework or other lifelong learning experiences by approval of the Dean - see Student Handbook for details about the process.

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