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REQUIRED COURSES:

Core courses for all Environmental Studies graduate students:

Prerequisite (or co-requisite): Ecology
ENS 551 Environmental Natural Sciences (4 hrs.)
ENS 552 Environmental Social Sciences and Humanities (4 hrs.)
ENS 553 Research Methods in Environmental Studies (4 hrs.)

MA in Environmental Planning and Management:

Required Concentration Core (12 hours):
ENS 404 Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems or ENS 503 Advanced GIS Applications (4 Hrs)
ENS 403 Transportation: Problems and Planning Procedures or ENS 501 Land Use and Environmental Planning (4 Hrs)
ENS 587 Natural Resources Policy and Administration (4 Hrs)
Required closure core:
ENS 510 Thesis (4 Hrs) or ENS 520 Graduate Project (4 Hrs) or ENS 550 Capstone Closure (4 Hrs)
Concentration Electives:
12 credit hours that should be selected in consultation with academic advisor

MA in Sustainable Development and Policy:

Required Concentration Core (12 hours):
ENS 571 Sustainable Development (4 Hrs)
ENS 581 Environmental Policy and Analysis (4 Hrs)
ENS 587 Natural Resources Policy and Administration (4 Hrs)
Required closure core:
ENS 510 Thesis (4 Hrs) or ENS 520 Graduate Project (4 Hrs) or ENS 550 Capstone Closure (4 Hrs)
Concentration Electives:
12 credit hours that should be selected in consultation with academic advisor

MS in Environmental Science

Required closure core:
ENS 510 Thesis (4 Hrs) or ENS 520 Graduate Project
Concentration Electives:
24 credit hours that should be selected in consultation with academic advisor

The MA/MS degrees in Environmental Studies provides advanced interdisciplinary training designed to prepare students for solving environmental problems and entering diverse careers in the environmental field. Those earning an MA elect an area of specialization in Environmental Planning & Management or Sustainable Development & Policy. The MS degree program is in General Environmental Sciences. All students may concurrently earn a graduate certificate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). See "Professional Development" section of this guide for GIS information.

Graduates find careers as environmental planners or policy analysts, resource management specialists, land use and urban planners, environmental protection specialists, and GIS specialists, working in government, not-for-profit agencies, industry, or academia.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Tailored for those entering the job market upon completion or midcareer professionals in the environmental sciences. Aimed at those who want a graduate degree, but require the flexibility that online education offers.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

For the MS and MA programs, students must hold a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited university, with a GPA of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale), and have had an upper division, undergraduate course in ecology with a grade of B or better for full admission to the program. Students who are deficient in the ecology course prerequisite or who have a GPA between 2.5 and 3.0 will be considered for conditional admission. If conditional admission is granted, the student will be required to satisfy conditions for full admission within the first year of enrollment in the program. Does not require the GRE.

For Application Procedures, please visit: [http://www.uis.edu/
environmentalstudies/curriculum/
appreq/](http://www.uis.edu/environmentalstudies/curriculum/appreq/).

COST:

See: [http://www.uis.edu/registration/
tuition/](http://www.uis.edu/registration/tuition/).

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Registration is via: [http://www.uis.edu/
registration/registration/](http://www.uis.edu/registration/registration/).

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Semester schedule, with an additional 8 week summer session option. See [http://www.uis.edu/registration/
calendars/](http://www.uis.edu/registration/calendars/) for specifics.

LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

Online.

DELIVERY MODE:

Both the MA and the MS can be completed entirely online, with no residency or campus visit requirements.

TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Through the UIS Bookstore, students can rent or purchase their books online and have them shipped to their home.

TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

Up to twelve hours of related graduate coursework from an accredited university, as long as these credits hours did not count towards another degree.

TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

40 credit hours, including a closure project.

FINANCIAL AID INFO:

Contact the Financial Aid office via 217.206. 7376 or finaid@uis.edu. More information can be found at: <http://www.uis.edu/financialaid/>.