

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (M.A.)

Program Admission Requirements

The Program Has One Application Deadline Per Year: February 15.

- Submit an FGCU Graduate Admissions Application (<https://www.fgcu.edu/admissionsandaid/graduateadmissions/>) and satisfy all applicable university admissions requirements.
- Earned baccalaureate degree from an institution that maintains accreditation by a U.S. Department of Education sanctioned accrediting body (<https://www.ed.gov/laws-and-policy/higher-education-laws-and-policy/college-accreditation>) or equivalent foreign institution.
- A cover letter of introduction including a statement of academic and career goals and interests.
- Official copies of undergraduate transcripts and scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test (GRE subject exam is not required). Interquartile scores on the GRE for students previously admitted to the program are available at the bottom of the MA home page
- International students must demonstrate English language proficiency in accordance with University regulation.
- A minimum grade point average of 3.0 (4.0 scale) for the last 60 semester hours of upper division undergraduate coursework. GPA from previous graduate coursework (if any) may also be taken into consideration.
- At least three letters of recommendation from people familiar with the applicant's academic and research potential and/or professional experience.
- Completion of the following:
 - One course in General Biology lab
 - One environmental science course (e.g., Environmental Chemistry or Geology)
 - One course in Environmental Policy or related professional experience

Program Progression and Additional Graduation Requirements

- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 must be maintained for all coursework in the degree program.
- Submit an application for graduation by the deadline listed in the FGCU Academic Calendar.
- A maximum of 9 credits of course work, for courses equivalent to listed requirements or electives, may be transferred from other institutions or from pre-degree enrollment at FGCU. These are subject to approval of the Degree Program Coordinator.
- Earn more than 50% of the credits toward the degree through FGCU.
- Earn a minimum of 36 credits.
- Students must register for a minimum of one credit during the semester in which they apply for graduation.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses in the Major ¹		(12 credits)
EVR 6322	Con App Sustainability	3
EVR 6825	Environ Program Evaluation	3
EVS 6941	Environmental Practicum I	3
EVS 6942	Environmental Practicum II	3
Restricted Electives in the Major ²		(24 credits)
Complete one from the following:		
OCB 6635	Estuarine Ecology	3
PCB 6064C	Advanced Ecology	3
Select two of the following:		
EVR 5925	Environmental Education	3
EVR 6237	Natural Resource Management	3
EVS 6937	Environmental Policy	3
URP 5316	Land-Use Planning	3
Complete 3 credits of an additional graduate-level course in science: ³		
GLY 5661C	Conservation Paleobiology	3
OCB 6050	Biological Oceanography	3
OCG 6053	Coastal & Watershed Geol	3
PCB 5307C	Limnology	3
Complete 3 credits of an additional graduate-level course: ⁴		
EVR 6045C	Data Analysis Enviro Science	3
GIS 5306C	Advanced GIS: Spatial Analysis	3
PAD 5933	Proposal Writing & Grant Admin	3
STA 5355	Appl Mathematical Statistics	3
Complete 9 credits of additional graduate-level courses as approved by the program leader: ⁵		
Courses related to management:		
PAD 5142	Management of Non-profit Org	3
URP 5312	Growth Mgmt & Comp. Planning	3
Courses related to education:		
EVR 5414	Interpreting the Environment	3
EVR 5925	Environmental Education	3

¹ Successful completion of each course requires a grade of B or better.

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³ One course approved in advance by program leader that employs or exemplifies the scientific method and addresses some aspect of environmental science. Possible courses include but are not limited to the following:

⁴ One course approved in advance by the program leader that emphasizes needed skill for the intended career path. Examples of such course topics include, but are not limited to: computer modeling, GIS technology, educational methods, statistics, data analysis, and economics. Possible courses include but are not limited to the following:

⁵ Successful completion of each elective under this section requires a grade of C or better. The following common graduate electives

applicable to the M.A. Environmental Studies program are grouped in areas of interest:

Total Credits Required: 36