

Environmental Studies and Geography (ESGE)

Courses required for the first year: ESGE 100
Courses recommended for the first year: ESGE 200 and/or ESGE 201
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The Major in Environmental Studies and Geography

If you are concerned about environmental and global issues – Environmental Studies and Geography could be a great place for you!

Environmental Studies and Geography is exciting because:

- Our students work and study in the real world. Courses consistently combine classroom learning with opportunities to see, experience and apply what they're learning in the world whether it's a 90-minute field experience or a study away trip.
- Environmental Studies and Geography is interdisciplinary, which means students have an opportunity to study history, geology, anthropology, ecology, economics, and other fields using specific geographic and environmental methods to ask and answer questions.
- Our students are helping to solve the problems of our time — Environmental Studies and Geography coursework helps students to see connections, have global perspectives, and solve problems.
- Students have a lot of choice in determining the focus of their projects and independent research programs, which gives them a chance to dive deeper into subjects they are personally passionate about.

Environmental Studies and Geography graduates are change agents! They collaborate with academic colleagues, disciplinary professionals, and a diverse array of stakeholders to formulate alternative solutions to pressing local and global issues. They are well-prepared for professional positions and graduate study in careers such as environmental management and protection, environmental compliance, environmental consulting, urban planning, community development, geographic information systems, foreign affairs, education, sustainability management, community organizing, and environmental policy and law.

Required Courses

Course Number	Course Name	Learning Perspective/ Suffix	Prerequisites	Usually offered: F, J, SP, SU*	Credits
ESGE 100	Contemporary Environmental Issues	PN	--	F and SP	4
ESGE 200	Introduction to Environmental Science		ESGE 100	SP	4
ESGE 201	People, Places, and Environments	PS, G	ESGE 100	F and SP	4
ESGE 205	Environmental Vocation Exploration Seminar		ESGE 100	SP	2
ESGE 300	Applied Environmental Research		ESGE 100, 200, 201	SP	4
ESGE 401, 402, or 402	Capstone Inquiry	SI	ESGE 300	F and SP	2 or 4
ESGE 405	Senior Environmental Seminar		ESGE 300	F and SP	1

Required Supporting Courses

Take 16 credits of electives from one of four areas of concentration (Earth and Ecological Conservation; Sustainable Energy; Environmental Policy, Management, and Advocacy; Urban Planning and Justice) that are different from the required courses. See an Environmental Studies and Geography advisor for additional details.

Recommended Supporting Courses

Course Number	Course Name	Learning Perspective/ Suffix	Prerequisites	Usually offered: F, J, SP, SU*	Credits
GIST 273	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)			F, J, SP, SU	4

The Minor in Environmental Studies and Geography

Environmental Studies and Geography can be a complement to many career fields and majors/programs at Augustana. Minors are encouraged to select course options that complement their major(s) and provide additional skills or knowledge to help them advance in their chosen career path.

Required Courses

Course Number	Course Name	Learning Perspective/ Suffix	Prerequisites	Usually offered: F, J, SP, SU*	Credits
ESGE 100	Contemporary Environmental Issues	PN	--	F and SP	4
ESGE 200	Introduction to Environmental Science		ESGE 100	SP	4
ESGE 201	People, Places, and Environments	PS, G	ESGE 100	F and SP	4
ESGE 300 OR	Applied Environmental Research		ESGE 100, 200, 201	SP	4
GIST 273	Introduction to GIS		NA	F, J, SP, SU	4

Required Supporting Courses

Take 8 credits of electives at the 300 or above level. See an Environmental Studies and Geography advisor for additional details

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