

Society and Environment Major Snapshot

Department of Environmental Science Policy, and Management

Social and environmental problems are deeply intertwined. This major introduces students to the main approaches and theory for environmental social sciences, including how social science tools can be applied to environmental problems, and how social science theories contribute to understanding environmental problems. At the upper division level there are three major areas of concentration. Students are exposed to all three areas and choose to focus in one: U.S. Environmental Policy and Management, Global Environmental Politics, or Environmental Justice and Development.

ESPM Student Affairs is located in 245 Mulford Hall. Academic Advisor Maire Lanigan and Intake Advisor Emilie Dandan are available to answer most of your questions about the major. For general advising questions, students are encouraged to drop in weekdays between 9:30 – 12:00 and 1:30 to 4:00. They may also contact advisors via e-mail (mlanigan@nature.berkeley.edu or ebdandan@nature.berkeley.edu) and by telephone at 510-642-7381.

Research Opportunities ♦ Career Options ♦ Honors Programs

Students with a GPA of 3.6 or higher may enroll in the College of Natural Resources Honors Program (H196) once they have reached upper division standing. To fulfill the program requirements, students design, conduct, and report on an individual research project working with a faculty sponsor. For more information, visit http://nature.berkeley.edu/site/honors_form.php.

In addition to the Berkeley campus Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP), CNR students can also apply for the CNR Sponsored Projects for Undergraduate Research (SPUR). Visit http://nature.berkeley.edu/site/research_ops.php for details.

S&E Graduates are well-prepared for careers in fields such as environmental consulting, education, health, or law; community, urban, or regional planning; and other related areas of environmentalism in public agencies, non-profit conservation organizations, and private companies. Graduates are well-qualified for a variety of graduate programs, including law school.

Getting a Degree

To earn a Bachelor of Science degree from UC Berkeley in Society and Environment, students must complete unit and GPA requirements, university and campus requirements, college requirements, and major requirements. (Requirements may change, so please contact the SE advisor for the most recent information.)

Unit and GPA Requirements

All students must complete 120 units. 36 must be upper division. Upper division courses taken for the major count toward the 36 upper division unit requirement. Students must have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA, a 2.0 GPA in their SE major requirements, and a 2.0 GPA in their upper division SE requirements

University and Campus Requirements

- Subject A
- American History & Institutions
- American Cultures (if taken for a letter grade, this course may overlap with a Social & Behavioral Science course)

College Requirements

- Two courses in Reading & Composition (8 units): R1A and R1B
- 15 upper division units must be in the College of Natural Resources (EEP, ES, ESPM, NST, PMB)

Society & Environment Major Requirements

120 units

Lower Division Requirements
<input type="checkbox"/> ESPM Environmental Science Core: 1 course from ESPM 2, 6, or C10 (L&S C30V)
<input type="checkbox"/> ESPM Social Science Core: 1 course from ESPM C11 (L&S C30U), ESPM C12, ESPM 50AC or 60
<input type="checkbox"/> Two courses in Reading & Composition (8 units): R1A and R1B (College Requirement)

Five-Course Breadth of Knowledge Requirement: Select one course from each of the five breadth categories below. Go to http://ls-advise.berkeley.edu/requirements/lsreq.html#7breadth for complete listings. The American Cultures requirement may overlap with any of the following courses.
<input type="checkbox"/> Social & Behavioral Sciences (3-4 units)
<input type="checkbox"/> International Studies (3-4 units)
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Sciences (3-4 units)
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Literature, Historical Studies, or Philosophy & Values (3-4 units)
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Science (3-4 units)

<input type="checkbox"/> One Math or Statistics course: Math 1A, 16A, Statistics 2, 20, PH 140 or 142A.
<input type="checkbox"/> One Economics course: EEP 1 (Econ C3), Econ 1 or Econ 2 (may overlap with Social & Behavioral req.)

Upper Division Requirements: Select one course from each of the three categories below.
<input type="checkbox"/> 15 upper division units must be taken in the College of Natural Resources (EEP, ES, ESPM, NST, PMB)
1. <input type="checkbox"/> ESPM 151: Society & Environment (3) SPRING ONLY
2. <input type="checkbox"/> One course in Environmental or Political Economics: POL SCI 126A ENVECON 100, C101, 131, 140AC, 153, 161, or C180 GEOG 156 PEIS 100 or 101
3. <input type="checkbox"/> One course in Methods: POL SCI 131A, 133, or 136B ETH STUD 101A or 101B RHETORIC 170 IAS 102 or 170 SOC 5

AREA OF CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENT		
In consultation with an advisor, select six courses among the Area of Concentration categories below. Three courses must be taken within one Area of Concentration. The remaining three must include at least one course in the other two concentrations. At least 12 units must come from ESPM.		
1) US Environmental Policy and Management	2) Global Environmental Politics	3) Environmental Justice and Development
ESPM 102C. Resource Mgmt ESPM 102D. Resource & Env Policy ESPM 160AC. Am Env & Cult Hist ESPM 161. Env Philos & Ethics ESPM 186. Mgmt Conv Rangeland Eco	ESPM 162. Bioethics & Soc. ESPM 165. Int. Rural Dev. Policy ESPM 168. Political Ecology ESPM 169. Int. Env. Politics	ESPM 155. Sociology of Nat Res ESPM 163AC. Env Justice ESPM 166. Res Policy/Indig People ESPM 167. Env Health & Dev
Anthro 156B Bus Ad 107, Bus Ad C172 City and Regional Planning 110, 112A, 113A, 113B; ERG 166 Env Econ 102, 118, 141, 162, 152, 153 Geog 103, 110, 130 History 122AC, 124A, 135 Legal Studies 100A, 141, 145, 147, 176, 178 Political Science 113B, 114A, 161 Soc 110, 128, 131AC, 144AC, 170AC, 180	Af Am St 131 Anthro 139, 148 Education 186AC Eth Stud 159AC Env Econ 131 GWS 141 Geog 130, 159AC IAS 102 Legal Studies 140, 179, 182 Pol Sci 120A, 127 A, 127B, 138E Rhetoric 174 Soc 101B	Anthro 154 GWS 130 Geog 112 History 135 Legal Studies 100A, b, 103, 107, 187 NATAMST 100, 104 Pol Sci 124C PEIS 150 Soc 131B, 170AC