

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES MAJOR

Program Tracking Sheet

Effective for students entering AY 2026-2027

To access the guidance sheet for ESS majors, minors, and double majors, [click here](#).

Name:	Class Year:
Advisor:	2 nd Major:

NOTES: Minimum total academic credit = 15 units

Residency Req.: Min. of 8 units must be completed at WPI

HUMANITIES AND ARTS (6/3 units)

All 5 HUA courses must be completed before beginning the Inquiry Seminar or Practicum. The Humanities and Arts Department will accept a maximum of 1/3 unit of AP credit towards the Humanities and Arts requirement.

Depth Component				
Students must complete at least three thematically-related courses prior to the culminating Inquiry Seminar or Practicum in the same thematic area. At least one of the three courses should be at the 2000-level or above.				
	Course	Term	Grade	Units
1				1/3
2				1/3
3				1/3
4	HU 3900 or HU 3910			1/3
Breadth Component				
Students must take at least one course outside the grouping in which they complete their depth component. To identify breadth, courses are grouped in the following manner.				
i. art/art history, drama/theatre, and music (AR, TH, MU);				
ii. modern languages (AB, CN, ISE, GN, SP);				
iii. literature and writing rhetoric (EN, WR);				
iv. history, humanities, and international and global studies (HI, HU, INTL);				
v. philosophy and religion (PY, RE).				
Exception: May take all six courses in a modern language.				
5				1/3
Humanities Elective				
6				1/3

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (4 PE classes = 1/3 unit)

7				1/12
				1/12
				1/12
				1/12

THE INTERACTIVE QUALIFYING PROJECT (1 unit)

8				1/3
9				1/3
10				1/3

FREE ELECTIVES (1 unit)

11				1/3
12				1/3
13				1/3

MATHEMATICS AND BASIC SCIENCE (8/3 units) (Note 1)

CALCULUS (2/3 unit)

14				1/3
15				1/3

STATISTICS (1/3 unit)

16				1/3
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CHEMISTRY (2/3 unit)

17				1/3
18				1/3

BIOLOGY (2/3 unit)

19				1/3
20				1/3

OTHER (1/3 unit)

21				1/3
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ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES CORE (1 unit)

Only courses with the prefix ENV count toward this requirement.

22				1/3
23				1/3
24				1/3

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (3 units) (Note 2)

25				1/3
26				1/3
27				1/3
28				1/3
29				1/3
30				1/3
31				1/3
32				1/3
33				1/3

BASIC SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES (1 unit)

(Note 3)

34				1/3
35				1/3
36				1/3

ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES (2 unit)

(Note 4)

37				1/3
38				1/3
39				1/3
40				1/3
41				1/3
42				1/3

MAJOR QUALIFYING PROJECT (1 unit)

43				1/3
44				1/3
45				1/3

Notes:

- May include 1/3 unit of basic engineering with the permission of the Environmental Studies Program Review Committee. One biology course must be at the 2000 level. Ecology is strongly encouraged, but not required.
- Courses with prefixes BB, CE, CH, CHE, ES, GE, ME, CS, BUS, RBE, DS, and PH may qualify. See the guidance sheet for the courses that count. Alternative courses must be approved by the Environmental Studies Program Review Committee.
- Must include 1/3 unit economics, 1/3 unit public policy or political science, and 1/3 unit either history or philosophy.
- Must include 1/3 unit environmental economics, 1/3 unit environmental policy, 1/3 unit environmental philosophy, and 1/3 unit environmental history. See the guidance sheet for courses for courses that count in each of these categories.

*GUIDANCE SHEET FOR ESS (DOUBLE) MAJORS and MINORS [click here](#).



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4-year Plan Template

Name:	Class Year:
Advisor(s):	Major(s)/Minor(s):

Year 1					
	A-term	B-term	C-term	D-term	E-term (optional)
Course 1					
Course 2					
Course 3					
Course 4 (optional)					

Notes:

Year 2					
	A-term	B-term	C-term	D-term	E-term (optional)
Course 1					
Course 2					
Course 3					
Course 4 (optional)					

Notes:

Year 3					
	A-term	B-term	C-term	D-term	E-term (optional)
Course 1					
Course 2					
Course 3					
Course 4 (optional)					

Notes:

Year 4					
	A-term	B-term	C-term	D-term	E-term (optional)
Course 1					
Course 2					
Course 3					
Course 4 (optional)					

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