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Memorandum

To: Jeannette Morales

From: Ian Evans, Associate Dean, NSM

Subject: Catalog changes for the Environmental Sciences Major

Date: 7 February 2012.

The Curriculum Committee has reviewed and approved changes to the Environmental Sciences degree. I have attached two pdf files – one showing the old requirements for the degree, the second showing the new requirements. I should like to draw your attention to an issue with the document showing the new requirements:

1. Under the general requirements section there is the following statement (that is in the current UH Undergraduate Catalog) – "In addition, students must earn a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA in all courses in the major and in Core courses attempted at the university." I believe that the GPA requirement for Core courses was rescinded some time ago. If so, this language needs to be modified to reflect that fact. Again, I will highlight this wording on the hard copy.

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Environmental Sciences Major

B.S. in Environmental Sciences The general requirements, including university core curriculum and college requirements, shall apply. In addition to the general requirements.

students pursuing the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences must complete the following:

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Geology Requirements (8 hours):

Course	Course Name	
GEOL 1330 and GEOL 1130	Physical Geology and Physical Geology Laboratory	
GEOL 1302 and GEOL 1102	Introduction to Global Climate Change and Laboratory	
or GEOL 1350 and GEOL 1150	or Introduction to Meteorology and Laboratory	
	Biology Requirements (8 hours):	
ä	Course Name	
Course		
BIOL 1361	Introduction to Biological Science	
BIOL 1161	Introduction to Biological Science Laboratory	
BIOL 1362	Introduction to Biological Science	
BIOL 1162	Introduction to Biological Science Laboratory	
	Chemistry Requirements (8 hours):	
Course	Course Name	
CHEM 1331	Fundamentals of Chemistry	
CHEM 1111	Fundamentals of Chemistry Laboratory	
CHEM 1332	Fundamentals of Chemistry	
CHEM 1112	Fundamentals of Chemistry Laboratory	
	Mathematics Requirements (15 hours):	
Course	Course Name	
MATH 1431	Calculus I	
MATH 1432	Calculus II	
MATH 2433	Calculus III	
MATH 3339	Statistics for Sciences	
	Physics Requirements (8 hours):	
Course	Course Name	
PHYS 1321	University Physics I	
PHYS 1121	Physics Laboratory I	
PHYS 1322	University Physics II	
PHYS 1122	Physics Laboratory II	

AT LEAST 39 HOURS FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS A OR B:

OPTION A Environmental Geosciences:

Requirements (6 hours)

Course		Course Name	
GEOL 3340	Geologic Field Methods		
GEOL 3370	Mineralogy		

GROUP 1 Electives (student must complete 15 hours selected from the following)

Course	Course Name	
GEOL 3331	Environmental Geology	
GEOL 3338	Environmental Hydrogeology	
GEOL 4331	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	
GEOL 4334	Environmental Data Analysis	
GEOL 4356	Environmental Science Field Research	
GEOL 4365	Environmental Geochemistry	

GROUP 2 Electives (student must complete an additional 18 hours of approved electives, see advisor for list)

OPTION B Atmospheric Science:

Requirements (6 hours)

Course	Course Name
GEOL 3342	Introduction to Air Pollution
GEOL 3378	Principles of Atmospheric Science (also PHYS 3378)

GROUP 1 Electives (student must complete 15 hours selected from the following)

Course Name

GROUP 2 Electives (student must complete an additional 18 hours of approved electives, see advisor for list)

- Other Core requirements, excluding capstone (30 hours):
- Electives, including course(s) required for capstone (4 hours):
- TOTAL (minimum number of hours): 120

The Bachelor of Science degree requires completion of a minimum of 120 hours, at least 36 of which are to be advanced hours. Students must earn a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in all courses attempted at the university. In addition, students must earn a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA in all courses in the major and in Core courses attempted at the university. Students must have no more than 6 semester hours with grades below Cin all courses attempted in the major, which includes all GEOL courses and Group 1 and Group 2 courses in the Option Area. Any student exceeding that limit must retake sufficient courses and obtain acceptable grades so that they do not exceed the two-course limit.

Capstone Requirement

All students in NSM must complete the Capstone requirement. Students may satisfy the Capstone in a number of ways, e.g. by completing an approved minor, a double major, a senior research project, a senior honors thesis, or 6 hours of NSM-designated interdisciplinary capstone

courses (e.g. GEOL 3355 3360

Departmental Requirements No GEOL course with a grade below C- can be used as a prerequisite for a more advanced GEOL course.

Students with more than 6 hours in GEOL courses with grades below C- are not allowed to enroll in subsequent GEOL courses without written permission from the undergraduate advisor.

Note that all undergraduate majors should meet with the Faculty Advisor prior to registration each semester.

Suggested Program Plan for Environmental Geosciences Option A

First Year

Fall Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
ENGL 1303 Freshman Composition I	3
CHEM 1331 and 1111 Fundamentals of Chemistry and Laboratory	4
GEOL 1330 and 1130 Physical Geology and Laboratory	4
MATH 1431 Calculus I	4
Total	15

Courses	Hours
ENGL 1304 Freshman Composition II	3
CHEM 1332 and 1112 Fundamentals of Chemistry Laboratory	4
GEOL 1350 and 1150. Introduction to Meteorology and Laboratory or GEOL 1302 and 1102. Global Climate Change and Laboratory	4
MATH 1432 Calculus II	4
Total	15

Second Year

Fall Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
PHYS 1321 and 1121 . University Physics I and Laboratory	4
MATH 2433 Calculus III	4
GEOL 3370 Mineralogy	3
HIST 1377 The United States to 1877 or equivalent	3
Elective	1
Total	15

Courses	Hours
PHYS 1322 and 1112 University Physics II and Laboratory	4
GEOL 3340. Field Methods	3
MATH 3339. Statistics for Sciences	3
HIST 1378 The United States Since 1877 or equivalent	3
Group 1 elective (selected from Option A)	3
Total	16

Third Year

Fall Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
BIOL 1361 and 1161 Introduction to Biological Science and Laboratory	4
Group 1 elective (selected from Option A)	3
Group 1 elective (selected from Option A)	3
Social and Behavioral Science Core	3
Humanities Core	3
Total	16

Courses	Hours
BIOL 1362 and 1162 Introduction to Biological Science and Laboratory	4
Group 1 elective (selected from Option A)	3
Group 2 elective (selected from Option A)	3
Visual and Performing Arts Core Course	3
Writing in the Discipline Core Course	3
Total	16

Fourth Year

Fall Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
Group 1 elective (selected from Option A)	3
Group 2 elective (selected from Option A)	3
Group 2 elective (selected from Option A)	3
Group 2 elective (selected from Option A)	3
POLS 1336 U.S. and Texas Constitutions and Politics or equivalent	3
Total	15

Courses	Hours
Group 2 elective (selected from Option A)	3
Group 2 elective (selected from Option A)	3
NSM Capstone Course	3
POLS 1337 US Government: Congress, President, and Courts or equivalent	3
Total	12

Suggested Program Plan for Atmospheric Science Option B

First Year

Fall Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
ENGL 1303 Freshman Composition I	3
CHEM 1331 and 1111 Fundamentals of Chemistry and Laboratory	4
GEOL 1350 and 1150. Introduction to Meteorology and Laboratory or	4
GEOL 1302 and 1102. Global Climate Change and Laboratory	
MATH 1431 Calculus I	4
Total	15

Courses	Hours
ENGL 1304 Freshman Composition II	3
CHEM 1332 and 1112 Fundamentals of Chemistry and Laboratory	4
GEOL 1330 and 1130 Physical Geology and Laboratory	4
MATH 1432 Calculus II	4
Total	15

Second Year

Fall Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
PHYS 1321 and 1121 University Physics I and Laboratory	4
MATH 2433 Calculus III	- 4
GEOL 3378. Principles of Atmospheric Science	3
HIST 1377 The United States to 1877 or equivalent	3
Elective	1
Total	15

Courses	Hours
PHYS 1322 and 1112 University Physics II and Laboratory	4
GEOL 3342 Introduction to Air Pollution	3
MATH 3339. Statistics for Sciences	3
Group 1 elective (selected from Option B)	3
HIST 1378 The United States Since 1877 or equivalent	3
Total	16

Third Year

Fall Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
BIOL 1361 and 1161 Introduction to Biological Science and Laboratory	4
Group 1 elective (selected from Option B)	3
Group 1 elective (selected from Option B)	3
Social and Behavioral Science Core	3
Humanities Core	3
Total	16

Courses	Hours
BIOL 1362 and 1162 Introduction to Biological Science and Laboratory	4
Group 1 elective (selected from Option B)	3
Group 2 elective (selected from Option B)	3
Visual and Performing Arts Core Course	3
Writing in the Discipline Core Course	3
Total	16

Fourth Year

Fall Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
Group 1 elective (selected from Option B)	3
Group 2 elective (selected from Option B)	3
Group 2 elective (selected from Option B)	3
Group 2 elective (selected from Option B)	3
POLS 1336 U.S. and Texas Constitutions and Politics or equivalent	3
Total	15

Courses	Hours
Group 2 elective (selected from Option B)	3
Group 2 elective (selected from Option B)	3
NSM Capstone Course	3
POLS 1337 US Government: Congress, President, and Courts or equivalent	3
Total	12



Environmental Sciences Major

B.S. in Environmental Sciences

The general requirements including university core curriculum and college requirements, shall apply. In addition to the general requirements students pursuing the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences must complete the following

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Geology Requirements (6-7 hours):

Course	Course Name
GEOL 1330 and GEOL 1	130 Physical Geology and Physical Geology Laboratory
or GEOL 1340	or Introduction to Earth Systems
GEOL 1340	Introduction to Clobal Climate Change
01	or
GEOL 1350	Introduction to Meteorology
	Biology Requirements (8 hours):
Course	Course Name
BIOL 1361	Introduction to Biological Science
BIOL 1161	Introduction to Biological Science Laboratory
BIOL 1362	Introduction to Biological Science
BIOL 1162	Introduction to Biological Science Laboratory
	Computer Science Requirements (4 hours):
Course	Course Name
COSC 1410	Introduction to Computer Science
	Chemistry Requirements (8 hours):
	Course Name
Course	2
CHEM 1331	Fundamentals of Chemistry
CHEM 1111	Fundamentals of Chemistry Laboratory
CHEM 1332	Fundamentals of Chemistry
CHEM 1112	Fundamentals of Chemistry Laboratory
	Mathematics Requirements (15 hours):
Course	Course Name
MATH 1431	Calculus I
MATH 1432	Calculus II
MATH 2331	Linear Algebra
MATH 2433	Calculus III
	Physics Requirements (8 hours):
Course	Course Name
PHYS 1321	University Physics I
PHYS 1121	Physics Laboratory I
PHYS 1322	University Physics II
PHYS 1122	Physics Laboratory II
	ENVS Electives Requirements (at least 9 hours):

Course Name

Course	Course Name
ENVS 3301	Data Analysis in Environmental Science
ENVS 4301	Environmental Science and Public Policy
ENVS 4302	Legislative and Regulatory Aspects of Environmental Science
ENVS 4351	Environmental Mathematics and Differential Equations
ENVS 4352	Environmental Fluid Dynamics

GROUP 1 ELECTIVES:

Group 1 Electives (at least 12 hours):

Course	Course Name
MATH 3331	Differential Equations
COSC 3361	Numerical Methods I
GEOL 3331	Environmental Geology
GEOL 3342	Introduction to Air Pollution
GEOL 3377	Oceanography
GEOL 3378	Principles of Atmospheric Science

GROUP 2 ELECTIVES (AT LEAST 12 HOURS FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS 1, 2, 3A OR 3B):

Option 1: Environmental Chemistry (12 hours):

Course	Course Name	
CHEM 3119	Analytical Chemistry Laboratory	
CHEM 3221	Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry Laboratory	
CHEM 3222	Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry Laboratory	
CHEM 3331	Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry	
CHEM 3332	Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry	
CHEM 3369	Analytical Chemistry	
CHEM 4229	Instrumental Methods of Analysis Laboratory	
CHEM 4369	Instrumental Methods of Analysis	
CHEM 4373	Survey of Physical Chemistry	
4000-level	Approved elective	

Option 2: Environmental Modeling (12 hours):

Course Name

Course	Course Name
MATH 3338	Probability
MATH 3339	Statistics
MATH 3363	Introduction to Partial Differential Equations
MATH 4364	Numerical Analysis
4000-level	Approved elective

Option 3a: Environmental Geosciences (12 hours):

Course Name

Course	
GEOL 3338	Environmental Hydrogeology
GEOL 3340	Geologic Field Methods

GEOL 3370	
GEOL 3383	
GEOL 4331	
GEOL 4366	
Upper division	

Mineralogy Remote Sensing Introduction to Geographic Information Systems Groundwater Modeling Approved elective

Option 3b: Atmospheric Sciences (12 hours):

Course Name

Course
GEOL 3380
GEOL 3381
GEOL 3382
GEOL 3383
GEOL 4333
GEOL 4341
Upper division

Physical Meteorology Micrometeorology Almospheric Chemistry Remote Sensing Mesoscale Meteorology Dynamic Meteorology Approved elective

Other Core requirements, excluding capsions (30 hours).

Electives, including coorsels) required for capsione (8-9 hours)

TOTAL framming number of hoursy \$20.

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Suggested Program Plan for Environmental Chemistry Option (1) or Environmental Modeling Option (2)

FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
ENGL 1303 First Year Writing I	3
CHEM 1331 and 1111. Fundamentals of Chemistry and Fundamentals of Chemistry Laboratory	4
BIOL 1361 and 1161. Introduction to Biological Science and Laboratory	4
MATH 1431 Calculus I	4
Total	15

Spring Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
ENGL 1304, First Year Writing II	3
CHEM 1332 and 1112. Fundamentals of Chemistry and Fundamentals of Chemistry Laboratory	4
BIOL 1362 and 1162. Introduction to Biological Science and Laboratory	4
MATH 1432 Calculus II	4
Total	15

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
GEOL 1350. Introduction to Meteorology or	3
GEOL 1302. Global Climate Change	
HIST 1377. The United States to 1877 or equivalent	3
MATH 2331 Linear Algebra	3
Social and Behavioral Science Core	3
Humanities Core	3
Total	15

Courses	Hours
GEOL 1330 and 1130. Physical Geology and Laboratory	3-4
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GEOL 1340. Introduction to Earth Systems	
COSC 1410 Introduction to Computer Science	4
PHYS 1321 and 1121. University Physics I and Laboratory	4

Total

THIRD YEAR

Fall Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
MATH 2433 Calculus III	4
PHYS 1322 and 1112 University Physics II and Laboratory	4
Group 1 elective	3
Group 2 elective (selected from Option 1 or Option 2)	3
Elective	1-2
Total	15

Spring Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
Group 1 electives	6
Group 2 elective (selected from Option 1 or Option 2)	3
Visual and Performing Arts Core Course	3
Writing in the Discipline Core Course	3
Total	15

FOURTH YEAR

Fall Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
Group 1 elective	3
Group 2 elective (selected from Option 1 or Option 2)	3
ENVS electives	6
POLS 1336, U.S. and Texas Constitutions and Politics or equivalent	3
Total	15

Spring Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
Group 2 elective (selected from Option 1 or Option 2)	3
ENVS electives	6
NSM Capstone Course	3
POLS 1337. US Government: Congress, President, and Courts or equivalent	3
Total	15

Suggested Program Plan for Environmental Geology Option (3a)

FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester Suggested Program

Hours
3
4
4
4
15

Spring Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
ENGL 1304. Freshman Composition II	3
CHEM 1332 and 1112. Fundamentals of Chemistry and Fundamentals of Chemistry Laboratory	4
BIOL 1362 and 1162. Introduction to Biological Science and Laboratory	4
MATH 1432. Calculus II	4
Total	15

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
GEOL 1350 Introduction to Meteorology or	3
GEOL 1302. Global Climate Change	
HIST 1377. The United States to 1877	3
MATH 2331, Linear Algebra	3
Social and Behavioral Science Core	3
Humanities Core	3
Total	15

Spring Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
GEOL 1330 and 1130. Physical Geology and Laboratory	4
COSC 1410, Introduction to Computer Science	4
PHYS 1321 and 1121 University Physics I and Laboratory	4
HIST 1378. The United States Since 1877	3
Total	15

THIRD YEAR

Fall Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
MATH 2433. Calculus III	4
PHYS 1322 and 1112. University Physics II and Laboratory	4
Group 1 elective	3
Group 2 elective (selected from Option 3a)	3
Elective	1
Total	15

Spring Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
Group 1 electives	6
Group 2 elective (selected from Option 3a)	3
Visual and Performing Arts Core Course	3
Writing in the Discipline Core Course	3
Total	15

FOURTH YEAR

Fall Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
Group 1 elective	3
Group 2 elective (selected from Option 3a)	3
ENVS electives	6
POLS 1336, U.S. and Texas Constitutions and Politics or equivalent	3
Total	15

Spring Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
Group 2 elective (selected from Option 3a)	3
ENVS electives	6
NSM Capstone Course	3
POLS 1337. US Government: Congress, President, and Courts or equivalent	3
Total	15

Suggested Program Plan for Atmospheric Science Option (3b)

'FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
ENGL 1303 Freshman Composition I	3
CHEM 1331 and 1111. Fundamentals of Chemistry and Fundamentals of Chemistry Laboratory	4
BIOL 1361 and 1161. Introduction to Biological Science and Laboratory	4
MATH 1431 Calculus I	4
Total	15

Spring Semester Suggested Program

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Courses	Hours
ENGL 1304. Freshman Composition II	3
CHEM 1332 and 1112. Fundamentals of Chemistry and Fundamentals of Chemistry Laboratory	4
BIOL 1362 and 1162. Introduction to Biological Science and Laboratory	4
MATH 1432 Calculus II	4
Total	15

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
GEOL 1350 Introduction to Meteorology	3
HIST 1377. The United States to 1877	3
MATH 2331. Linear Algebra	3
Social and Behavioral Science Core	3
Humanities Core	3
Total	15

Spring Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
GEOL 1330 and 1130. Physical Geology and Laboratory	4
COSC 1410. Introduction to Computer Science	4
PHYS 1321 and 1121. University Physics I and Laboratory	4
HIST 1378. The United States Since 1877	3
Total	15

THIRD YEAR

Fall Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
MATH 2433 Calculus III	4
PHYS 1322 and 1112 University Physics II and Laboratory	4
Group 1 elective	3
Group 2 elective (selected from Option 3b)	3

Elective Total

Spring Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
Group 1 electives	6
Group 2 elective (selected from Option 3b)	3
Visual and Performing Arts Core Course	3
Writing in the Discipline Core Course	3
Total	15

FOURTH YEAR

Fall Semester Suggested Program

Courses	 	 Hours
Group 1 elective		3
Group 2 elective (selected from Option 3b)		3
ENVS electives		6
POLS 1336 U.S. and Texas Constitutions and Politics or equivalent		3
Total		15

Spring Semester Suggested Program

Courses	Hours
Group 2 elective (selected from Option 13b)	3
ENVS electives	6
NSM Capstone Course	3
POLS 1337 US Government: Congress, President, and Courts or equivalent	3
Total	15
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