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 Justice & Sustainability.

The CNR Office of Instruction and Student Affairs is located in 260 Mulford Hall. Peer and academic advisors are available to answer questions about CNR majors MTuThF 9am-12pm, M-F 1-4pm.

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/advising/honors-program](http://nature.berkeley.edu/advising/honors-program).

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/research/undergraduate-research](http://nature.berkeley.edu/research/undergraduate-research) 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 go to [https://nature.berkeley.edu/advising/majors/society-and-environment](https://nature.berkeley.edu/advising/majors/society-and-environment) for the most up-to-date information.)

Unit and GPA Requirements

All students must complete a minimum of:

- 120 units to graduate
- 36 of these must be upper division
- 15 of the upper division units must be from CNR (EEP, ERG, ES, ESPM, NAT RES, NST, PMB)
- 12 of the CNR upper division units must be from the ESPM department

Students must have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA, a 2.0 GPA in their S&E major requirements, and a 2.0 GPA in their upper division S&E requirements.

College, University, and Campus Requirements

- Entry Level Writing
- Two courses in Reading & Composition (8 units): R1A and R1B
- American History & Institutions
- American Cultures (if taken for a letter grade, this course may overlap with another requirement)
# Society & Environment Major Requirements

## Lower Division Requirements (All courses must be taken for a letter grade)
- □ ESPM Environmental Science Core: 1 course from ES 10, ESPM 2, 6, C10 (L&S C30V), 15, or C46 (L&S C46) (cannot overlap w/breadth)
- □ ESPM Social Science Core: 1 course from ESPM C11 (L&S C30U), C12 (ENG C77), 50AC or 60 (cannot overlap w/breadth)
- □ Two courses in Reading & Composition (8 units): R1A and R1B (must be completed by the end of sophomore year)
- □ American Cultures course (University Requirement – can overlap with another requirement)

Five-Course Breadth of Knowledge Requirement: Select one course from each of the five breadth categories below. Go to [http://ls-advice.berkeley.edu/requirements/lseq/html#7breadth](http://ls-advice.berkeley.edu/requirements/lseq/html#7breadth) for complete listings. The American Cultures requirement may overlap with any of the following courses. These courses cannot overlap with other requirements.

- □ Social & Behavioral Sciences (3-4 units)
- □ International Studies (3-4 units)
- □ Physical Sciences (3-4 units)
- □ Arts & Literature, Historical Studies, or Philosophy & Values (3-4 units)
- □ Biological Science (3-4 units)

- □ One Math or Statistics course: 16A, 1A, 10A or Statistics 2, C8, 20, 21, PH 140 or 142A.
- □ One Economics course: EEP C1 (Econ C3), Econ 1 or Econ 2 (Econ can overlap with the Social & Behavioral Sciences breadth requirement)

## Upper Division Requirements (All courses must be taken for a letter grade)
- □ 15 upper division units must be taken in the College of Natural Resources (EEP, ERG, ES, ESPM, NST, PMB)

1. □ Seven courses from the Area of Concentration requirement (detailed below)

2. □ One course in Environmental or Political Economics: POL SCI 126A or 139B; GEOG C110, C112, or 156; DEV STD C100; ECON C125; ENVECON 100, C101, 131, 140AC, 153, 161, or C180; ERG C180; ISF C101; PEIS 100 or 101; GPP 115/IAS 115/CYP 115; PUB POL C103 (cannot overlap w/other requirements)

3. □ Capstone Presentation. ESPM 194B (1 unit) Research or poster presentation (Final semester of the senior year)

## AREA OF CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENT

Each student should have a total of 7 courses (including the Core Course) in the Areas of Concentration.
- □ In consultation with a faculty advisor, choose 1, 2, or 3 as your Primary Area of Concentration
- □ Select 1 of the ESPM courses in that area as your Core Course
- □ Select 3 additional courses from that area (ESPM or non-ESPM) to constitute your Primary Area of Concentration
- □ Choose 3 additional courses (ESPM or non-ESPM), with at least one course from each of the other two concentrations

At least 3 of the 7 courses (12 units) in the Areas of Concentration must come from the approved ESPM courses.

### 1) US Environmental Policy and Management

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### 2) Global Environmental Politics

### 3) Justice and Sustainability

Please note: These requirements apply to students who declared (or plan to declare) the Society & Environment major in Spring 2011 or later. Other students should contact ctobolski@berkeley.edu to get their correct major requirements.