

2025-2026 BS EVST ES - Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies - Ecological Systems Specialization

4 Year Sample Educational Plan

SAMPLE PLAN

This is a sample and not the only way to complete this plan. Number of credits are in parentheses. Some classes have prerequisites.

YEAR 1

Course	Fall	Winter	Spring
Course 1	UCOR 1XXX – University Core (5)	UCOR 1XXX – University Core (5)	EVST 2100 – Natural History: Theory & Practice (5)
Course 2	UCOR 1XXX – University Core (5)	UCOR 1XXX – University Core (5)	UCOR 1XXX – University Core (5)
Course 3	Language I 1150 (5)	Language II 1250 (5)	Language III 1350 (5)

YEAR 2

Course	Fall	Winter	Spring	Notes
Course 1	BIOL 1610 – Molecular & Cellular Biology + BIOL 1611 – Lab (4+1) <i>Satisfies UCOR 1800 – Inquiry Seminar in the Natural Sciences (5)</i>	BIOL 1620 – Evolution & Ecology + BIOL 1621 – Lab (4+1) <i>Satisfies EVST 3200 – Principles of Ecology (5)</i>	BIOL 1630/1631 (Satisfies General Elective) (5)	† ONLY offered in Fall quarter
Course 2	EVST 2150 – Geoscience (5)	UCOR 2XXX – University Core (5)	EVST 2950 – Ethics, Justice & Env't (5)	
Course 3	†EVST 1600 – Sustainability, People, & the Environment (5)	UCOR 2XXX – University Core (5)	UCOR 2XXX – University Core (5)	

YEAR 3

Course	Fall	Winter	Spring	Notes
Course 1	EVST 3400 – Research Design & Statistics (5)	EVST 3050 – Economics & the Environment (5)	†EVST 3000 – Environmental Politics (5) <i>(offered typically in the Winter)</i> OR EVST 4740 – International Environmental Governance (5)	†In Winter 2026 ONLY EVST 3000 will be offered AND in Spring 2027 ONLY EVST 4740 will be offered *ONLY offered in Winter quarter
Course 2	General Elective (5)	EVST 3500 – Intro to Geographic Information Systems (5)	ENSC 1500 – Environmental Field Methods (5)	
Course 3	UCOR 3XXX – University Core (5)	HIST 3510 – Environmental History (5)	UCOR 3XXX – University Core (5)	
Course 4		EVST 4950 – Internship (3) OR *EVST 3750 – Environmental Careers (3)		

YEAR 4

Course	Fall	Winter	Spring
Course 1	UCOR 3XXX – University Core (5)	EVST 4900 – Sr Synthesis: Capstone (5)	General Elective (5)
Course 2	EVST Specialization Elective (5)	EVST Specialization Elective (5)	EVST Specialization Elective (5)
Course 3	General Elective (5)	General Elective (5)	General Elective (5)

Important Major Information

- Minimum Credits to Graduate: 180
- Credits in Major: 88
- Minimum Major GPA: 2.0
- Minimum Cumulative GPA: 2.0

Curriculum Notes

- Courses included in a specialization cannot satisfy requirements elsewhere in the major.
- The choice of a specialization should be made before the completion of 90 credits toward the degree and must be certified by submitting an “Addition of another Major, Degree or Specialization” form to the Office of the Registrar.
- 35 credits of specialization electives: BIOL 1610/1611; BIOL 1620/1621/ BIOL 1630/1631; ENSC 1500. Choose one of: BIOL 2600; BIOL 3650; BIOL 4650. 10 credits of specialization electives: BIO 2600*BIOL 3650*; BIOL 4650* BIOL 2350, 2520, 3800, EVST 3700, an approved course from Blakely Island Field Studies or another university, or Special Topics courses approved by the department. *If not taken above.
- Several EVST courses are offered multiple times a year, students should refer to the tentative course offerings when creating their educational plan.
- For complete information on courses, prerequisites, etc., consult the [Explore & Compare Programs](#) page.

University CORE Requirements

UCOR classes are listed in the sample plan as Module I, II, and III. See below for UCOR course titles listed by Module. See my.seattleu.edu for prerequisites and www.seattleu.edu/core for course descriptions. Honors and Matteo Ricci students have different Core requirements.

Module I:

- UCOR 1100 Academic Writing Seminar
- UCOR 1200 Quantitative Reasoning
- UCOR 1300 Creative Expression & Interpretation
- UCOR 1400 Inquiry Seminar in the Humanities
- UCOR 1600 Inquiry Seminar in the Social Sciences
- *Satisfied in Major: UCOR 1800 Inquiry Seminar in the Natural Sciences*

Module II:

- UCOR 2100 Theological Explorations
- UCOR 2500 Philosophy of the Human Person
- UCOR 2900 Ethical Reasoning

Module III:

- UCOR 3100 Religion in a Global Context
- UCOR 3400 Humanities and Global Challenges
- UCOR 3800 Natural Sciences & Global Challenges

Use MySeattleU Student Planning to plan your courses and work closely with your academic advisor on your educational plan. **You are responsible for tracking changes and ensuring you meet all degree requirements.** Reach out to the College of Arts & Sciences Advising Center for support via email at ASCAdvising@seattleu.edu.