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Program Requirements

There are three required courses:

- ENV SCI 24 *Global Climate Change*
- PHILOS 28 *Environmental Ethics*
- MATH 227 *Statistics*

Select one biological science course and one physical/Earth science course with a lab:

- BIOLOGY 3 *Introduction to Biology* -or- BIOLOGY 10 *Natural History*
- CHEM 56 *Chemistry for Non-majors* -or- CHEM 60 *Intro. to Chemistry* -or- EARTH 1+2 *Earth Science* -or- GEOG 1+15 *Physical Geography* -or- GEOLOGY 1+6 *Physical Geology*

Select two social science classes from the following list:

- ANTHRO 102 *Cultural Anthropology*
- COMM 122 *Intercultural Communication*
- ECON 1 *Principles of Economics*
- ECON 11 *Economics of Globalization*
- GEOG 2 *Cultural Geography*
- GEOG 7 *World Regional Geography*
- POL SCI 60 *Intro. to Globalization*
- SOC 2 *American Social Problems*

Most of the courses from the above lists will count towards a general education plan, so there are many opportunities to select electives that will further personalize your degree.

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BIOLOGY 10 Natural History

No prerequisites, CSU/UC Science.

Explore our environment while learning about the ecology of local plants, mammals, and birds. This class takes you outside!

CHEMISTRY 56 Chemistry for Non-majors

No prerequisites, CSU Science.

Learn how basic chemical principles relate to current environmental issues that shape society, and gain hands-on experience in practical chemistry.

PHILOSOPHY 28 Environmental Ethics

No prerequisites, CSU/UC Humanities.

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