MINOR IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

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Academic Group: (College)

Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies

Academic Organization: (Department)

Environmental Studies

Catalog Year Effective:

2027-2028 Catalog

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Program Snapshot

Type of Program:
Minor

Program Change Type:
Non-Substantive

Title of the Program:
Minor in Environmental Studies

Designation: (degree terminology)
Minor

Delivery Mode:
Fully Face to Face

Support Mode:
State Support

Please see the CSU/CIP Code Crosswalk: https://www.csus.edu/academic-affairs/curriculum-workflow/_internal/_documents/csu_codes_to_cip.pdf

Will this program require accreditation?
No

Provide a clear, concise overview of the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification. For NEW programs describe the purpose and focus of the program, identify the target student population(s), and highlight key strengths and distinguishing features of the program.
The purpose of this proposal is to add newly developed upper-division ENVS elective courses to the curriculum - ENVS 150 Soil Science & Sustainability and ENVS 180 Climate Resilience.

University Learning Goals

Undergraduate Learning Goals:

Competence in the disciplines
Knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world
Intellectual and practical skills
Personal and social responsibility
Integrative learning

Will this program be required as part of a teaching credential program, a single subject, or multiple subject waiver program (e.g., Liberal Studies, Biology) or other school personnel preparation program (e.g., School of Nursing)?
No

Curriculum Alignment and Assessment

Program Learning Outcomes

Provide measurable, program-specific learning outcomes that reflect the most important competencies students will demonstrate upon completion of the program. Programs are expected to assess and use PLOs for continuous improvement.

Program Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcome
1. Information literacy
2. Quantitative literacy
3. Intercultural knowledge and competency
4. Overall competencies in the major/discipline
5. Critical thinking
6. Inquiry and analysis
7. Global learning
8. Integrative and applied learning

9. Civic knowledge and engagement
10. Reading
11. Written communication
12. Oral communication
13. Team work
14. Problem solving
15. Ethical reasoning
16. Foundations and skills for lifelong learning

Learning Outcomes Display

Course Code	PLO 1	PLO 2	PLO 3	PLO 4	PLO 5	PLO 6	PLO 7	PLO 8	PLO 9	PLO 10	PLO 11	PLO 12	PLO 13	PLO 14	PLO 15	PLO 16
ENVS 10																
ENVS 111																
ENVS 187																
ENVS 122																
ENVS 128																
ENVS 171																
ENVS 110																
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ENVS 135																
ENVS 137																
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ENVS 151																
ENVS 155																
ENVS 158																

ENVS 163																
ENVS 180																

Catalog Description (catalog copy):

Units required for Minor: 22

Program Description

The Environmental Studies program can help students use the resources of the entire University to gain an interdisciplinary understanding of such increasingly serious issues as pollution, wildlife and wilderness preservation, land use, biodiversity loss, resource depletion, energy conservation, and a generally healthful relationship between nature and society.

Admission and Continuation Requirements (catalog copy): minimum GPA and prerequisites (if applicable), required coursework or preparation, portfolio, test scores, and/or letters of recommendation. For graduate programs: expectations for a relevant bachelor's degree (required or preferred disciplines, prerequisite knowledge, or equivalent experience), include evidence that program requirements conform to the minimum requirements for the culminating experience, as specified in Title 5 Section 40510 The Master's Degree and Section 40511 The Doctoral Degree.

Minimum Grade Requirement

A minimum grade of "C-" is required in all courses required for the Environmental Studies minor.

Program Requirements (catalog copy):

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
ENVS 10	Introduction to Environmental Science	3
ENVS 111	Environmental Ethics	3
ENVS 187	Environmental Studies Seminar	1
Select one of the following:		3
ENVS 122	Environmental Impact Analysis: CEQA and NEPA	
ENVS/POLS 128	Environment and the Law	
ENVS/POLS 171	Environmental Politics and Policy	
Select four of the following:		12
ENVS 110	Contemporary Environmental Issues	
ENVS 130	Environmental Toxicology	
ENVS 135	California Water and Society	
ENVS 137	Conservation and Society	
ENVS 140	Energy, Society, and the Environment	
ENVS 144	Sustainability Science & Policy	
ENVS 147	Urban Agriculture and Aquaponics	
ENVS 149	Agroecology	
ENVS 150	Soil Science & Sustainability	
ENVS 151	Restoration Ecology	
ENVS 155	Environmental Management and Decision-Making	
ENVS 158	Wetlands Ecology	
ENVS 163	Ethnoecology	
ENVS 180	Climate Resilience	
Total Units		**22**

Fiscal Impact to Change an Existing Program

Indicate programmatic or fiscal impact which this change will have on other academic units' programs, and describe the consultation that has occurred with affected units:

None

Provide a fiscal analysis of the proposed changes:

None

How will the above changes be accommodated within the department/College existing fiscal resources?
None

Will the proposed changes require additional resources?
No

What additional space, equipment, operating expenses, library, computer, or media resources, clerical/technical support, or other resources will be needed?
None

Estimate the cost and indicate how these resource needs will be accommodated:
None

Reviewer Comments:
Catheryn Koss (koss) (Mon, 21 Sep 2026 15:50:15 GMT): Rollback: submitter's request

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