

MASTER

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ENVIRONMENT STUDIES MASTER OF SCIENCE

ONLINE

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REQUIRED COURSES:

Prerequisite (or co-requisite): Ecology
ENS 551 Environmental Natural Sciences (4 hrs.)
ENS 552 Environmental Social Sciences and Humanities (4 hrs.)
ENS 553 Research Methods in Environmental Studies (4 hrs.)

Environmental Planning and Management Concentration:

Required Concentration Core (12 hours):
ENS 404 Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems OR
ENS 503 Advanced GIS Applications (4 Hrs)
ENS 403 Transportation: Problems and Planning Procedures OR
ENS 501 Land Use and Environmental Planning (4 Hrs)
ENS 587 Natural Resources Policy and Administration (4 Hrs)

Required closure core:

ENS 510 Thesis (4 Hrs) OR
ENS 520 Graduate Project (4 Hrs) or
ENS 550 Capstone Closure (4 Hrs)

Concentration Electives: 12 credit hours that should be selected in consultation with academic advisor
Sustainable Development and Policy Concentration:

Required Concentration Core (12 hours):
ENS 571 Sustainable Development (4 Hrs)
ENS 581 Environmental Policy and Analysis (4 Hrs) ENS 587 Natural Resources Policy and Administration (4 Hrs)

Required closure core:

ENS 510 Thesis (4 Hrs) OR
ENS 520 Graduate Project (4 Hrs) OR
ENS 550 Capstone Closure (4 Hrs)

Concentration Electives: 12 credit hours that should be selected in consultation with academic advisor
General Environmental Science Concentration:
Required closure core:

ENS 510 Thesis (4 Hrs) or
ENS 520 Graduate Project
Concentration Electives: 24 credit hours that should be selected in consultation with academic advisor

The MS degree in Environmental Studies provides advanced interdisciplinary training designed to prepare students for solving environmental problems and entering diverse careers in the environmental field. Students elect an area of specialization in Environmental Planning & Management, Sustainable Development & Policy, or General Environmental Sciences. All students may concurrently earn a graduate certificate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). See "GIS/Location Intelligence" section of this guide for GIS information. Graduates find careers as environmental planners or policy analysts, resource management specialists, land use and urban planners, environmental protection specialists, and GIS specialists, working in government, not-for-profit agencies, industry, or academia.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Tailored for those entering the job market upon completion or mid-career professionals in the environmental sciences. Aimed at those who want a graduate degree, but require the flexibility that online education offers.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Undergraduate GPA of 3.00 (2.5-2.99 may be considered for conditional admission)

300-level or higher ecology course with lab with a grade of B or better
For application procedures, go to www.uis.edu/environmental-studies/prospective-students

COST:

For the most up-to-date information about the UIS e-tuition rate and fees, visit the website: www.uis.edu/registrar/tuition-fees.

Hundreds of scholarships are available each year through donor funded institutional scholarships. One application is used to apply for various scholarships. The deadline to apply for the upcoming academic year is February 15. For scholarship information go to: <https://www.uis.edu/financial-aid/types-aid/scholarships>

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Once admitted, students can register at www.uis.edu/registrar/registration

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Fall, spring, and summer semesters

DELIVERY MODE:

Online

TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Through the UIS Bookstore, students can rent or purchase their books online and have them shipped to their home.

TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

Up to twelve hours of related graduate coursework from an accredited university, as long as these credits hours did not count towards another degree.

TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

40 credit hours, including a closure project.

FINANCIAL AID INFO:

Contact the Financial Aid office at (217) 206-7376 or finaid@uis.edu. More information can be found at: www.uis.edu/financialaid.