

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

This major offers students a range of options for studies related to the environment. All programs are highly interdisciplinary, with faculty and courses drawn from many departments in the Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences and from the professional schools at USC. Four concentrations are available in the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies, and two concentrations and available in the bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS) GENERAL OVERVIEW

Twelve core courses:

- General Biology for the Environment and Life
- General Chemistry for the Environment and Life
- Introduction to Environmental Studies
- Water and Soil Sustainability, Energy and Air Sustainability A and B
- Economics for Natural Resources and the Environment
- Senior Seminar in Environmental Studies
- Introduction to Geosystems
- Politics of Global Environment
- Environmental Ethics
- Introduction to Environmental Law and Politics
- Statistics

Six courses in one of the following emphases:

- Oceans and People
- Climate and Environment
- Environmental Policy
- Sustainability and Society

Bachelor of Arts (BA) requirements:

- Two fewer core courses
- Four courses in the Science and Management emphasis or the Policy and Management Emphasis

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Internships: Engage in hands-on learning through working at different internships. Past students have interned at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, and the World Wildlife Fund.

Summer on Catalina Island: The USC Wrigley Institute's Maymester on Catalina Island offers a unique four-week immersive experience. Students take core classes and participate in interdisciplinary activities like field research, problem-solving, and recreation, all focused on environmental leadership.