Environmental Sciences

Bachelor of Science (BS)
The environmental sciences (ES) major is designed for students interested in studying environmental problems from a scientific perspective. The ES major prepares students to deal with issues arising from the impact of human interaction on natural systems. To address these problems, all ES students acquire strong backgrounds in math, biological sciences, and physical sciences. Students may choose to specialize further in a biological or physical science field such as ecology, conservation biology, toxicology, geology, hydrology, meteorology, engineering, or a social science field such as planning, policy analysis, economics, environmental justice, or education. Each ES student completes a year-long senior research project with the support of a mentor in a biological, physical, or interdisciplinary research area.

Graduates are well-prepared for careers in fields such as environmental consulting, education, health, or law as well as community, urban, or regional planning and other related areas of environmentalism in public agencies, non-profit conservation organizations, and private companies. Graduates are well-qualified for a variety of graduate programs, including environmental policy and management, law school, medical school (and other pre-health programs), and environmental engineering.

Admission to the Major
Advice on admission for freshmen and transfer students can be found on the CNR Admissions Guide (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/natural-resources/admissionstext) page or the CNR Prospective Student website (https://nature.berkeley.edu/prospective-students). Freshman students may apply directly to the major, or they may select the College of Natural Resource's undeclared option and declare the major by the end of their fourth semester. Transfer students may apply directly to the major through the UC application.

Information for current Berkeley students who would like to declare the major after admission, including information on a change of major or change of college, please see chapter 6 of the College of Natural Resources Undergraduate Student Handbook (https://nature.berkeley.edu/handbook) (https://nature.berkeley.edu/handbook).

Honors Program
Students with a GPA of 3.6 or higher may enroll in the College of Natural Resources honors program once they have reached upper division standing. To fulfill the program requirements, students design, conduct, and report on an individual research project working with a faculty sponsor. Qualified ES students enroll in ESPM H175A and ESPM H175L fall of their senior year, and ESPM H175B and ESPM H175L spring of their senior year. For further information on the CNR Honors Program, please see the College of Natural Resources website (http://nature.berkeley.edu/site/honors_program.php).

Minor Program
There is no minor program in environmental sciences.

Other Majors Offered by the Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management (ESPM)
Conservation and Resource Studies (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/conservation-resource-studies) (Major and Minor)
Ecosystem Management and Forestry (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/ecosystem-management-forestry) (Major, Forestry Minor)
Molecular Environmental Biology (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/molecular-environmental-biology) (Major only)
Society and Environment (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/society-environment) (Major only)

Students in this major choose a concentration in biological, physical, or social sciences based on intended research area, or general area of interest. The specific requirements for each concentration are outlined below.

In addition to the University, campus, and college requirements listed on the College Requirements tab, students must fulfill the below requirements specific to their major program.

General Guidelines
1. All courses taken to fulfill the major requirements below must be taken for graded credit, other than courses listed which are offered on a Pass/No Pass basis only. Other exceptions to this requirement are noted as applicable.
2. All courses taken to fulfill major requirements must be passed with a C- or better letter grade.
3. A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required.
4. A minimum GPA of 2.0 in upper division major requirements is required.
5. A minimum of 30 upper division units is required in the Environmental Sciences major. 15 of the required upper division units must be taken in the College of Natural Resources.
6. A maximum of 16 units of independent study (courses numbered 97, 98, 99, 197, 198, and 199) may count toward graduation, with a maximum of 4 units of independent study per semester.
7. No more than 1/3 of the total units attempted at UC Berkeley may be taken Pass/No Pass. This includes units in the Education Abroad Program and UC Intercampus Visitor or Exchange Programs.
8. A maximum of 4 units of physical education courses will count toward graduation.

For information regarding residence requirements and unit requirements, please see the College Requirements tab.

Lower Division Requirements for all ES Majors

| Environmental Science Core (select one): | 
|----------------------------------------|---|
| ESPM 2                                 | The Biosphere [3] |
| ESPM 6                                 | Environmental Biology [3] |
Environmental Sciences

ESPM C10 Environmental Issues [4]
ESPM 15 Introduction to Environmental Sciences [3]
ESPM C46 Climate Change and the Future of California [4]

ESPM Social Science Core (select one):
ESPM C11 Americans and the Global Forest [4]
ESPM C12/ENGLISH C77 Introduction to Environmental Studies [4]
ESPM 50AC Introduction to Culture and Natural Resource Management [4]
ESPM 60 Environmental Policy, Administration, and Law [4]

Environmental Economics
ENVECON Introduction to Environmental Economics and C1/ECON C3 Policy [4]

Breadth Requirements (two courses):
Select courses from the Seven Course Breadth listing on the College of Letters & Science website.

1 course from the Arts & Literature, Historical Studies, or Philosophy & Values category (3-4 units)
1 course from the Social & Behavioral Science or International Studies category (3-4 units)

Area of Concentration: Choose a concentration in Biological, Physical, or Social Sciences (see below for requirements for each concentration)

Lower Division Requirements by Concentration

Biological Science Concentration
Math (select one calculus sequence):
MATH 16A Analytic Geometry and Calculus
MATH 16B Analytic Geometry and Calculus
MATH 1A Calculus
MATH 1B Calculus

Chemistry (two courses):
CHEM 1A General Chemistry
CHEM 1AL General Chemistry Laboratory
CHEM 3A Chemical Structure and Reactivity
CHEM 3AL Organic Chemistry Laboratory

Biology (two courses):
BIOLOGY 1A General Biology Lecture
BIOLOGY 1AL General Biology Laboratory
BIOLOGY 1B General Biology Lecture and Laboratory

Physics (one course):
PHYSICS 8A Introductory Physics [4]

Physical Science Concentration
Math (two courses):
MATH 1A Calculus
MATH 1B Calculus

Chemistry (two courses):
CHEM 1A General Chemistry
CHEM 1AL General Chemistry Laboratory
CHEM 3A Chemical Structure and Reactivity
CHEM 3AL Organic Chemistry Laboratory

Biology (select one biology sequence):
BIOLOGY 1A General Biology Lecture

Statistics (must be completed before spring semester of student’s junior year)
Select one of the following:
ESPM 173 Introduction to Ecological Data Analysis [3]
PB HLTH 141 Introduction to Biostatistics [5]
PB HLTH 142 Introduction to Probability and Statistics in Biology and Public Health [4]

Intro to Methods of Environmental Science
ESPM 100ES Introduction to the Methods of Environmental Science [4] (must be taken spring of junior year)

Senior Research Seminar: First Half (select one):
ESPM 175A Senior Research Seminar in Environmental Sciences and Senior Research Laboratory in Environmental Sciences (must be taken fall of senior year)
ESPM H175A Senior Research Seminar in Environmental Sciences and Senior Research Laboratory in Environmental Sciences (must be taken fall of senior year)

Senior Research Seminar: Second Half (select one)
Additional ES Elective

Area of Concentration Elective

Select one 3-5 unit elective from area of concentration (see list below)

Additional ES Elective

Select one 2-5 unit elective from any area of concentration (see list below)

Environmental Modeling (select one)

ESPM C183/EEP C183 satisfies the modeling requirement only if taken Spring 2015 or earlier

ENVECON C183  Environmental Modeling (select one)

Select one 2-5 unit elective from area of concentration (see list below)

Human Environment Interactions (select one):

ANTHRO 137  Energy, Culture and Social Organization [4]

EPP/INTEGBI 158LF  Communicating Ocean Science

ECON C125  Environmental Economics [4]

Environmental Sciences (must be taken spring of senior year)

INTEGBI C144  Animal Behavior

INTEGBI C156  Biophysical Chemistry: Physical Principles and the Molecules of Life

INTEGBI C176L  Soil Science

ESPM 110  Primate Ecology

ESPM 111  Ecosystem Ecology

ESPM 112  Microbial Ecology

ESPM 113  Insect Ecology

ESPM 114  Wildlife Ecology

ESPM 115B  Biology of Aquatic Insects

ESPM 115C/ INTEGBI C176L  Fish Ecology

ESPM 116B  Rangeland Ecology

ESPM 116C  Tropical Forest Ecology

ESPM 117  Urban Garden Ecosystems

ESPM 118  Agricultural Ecology

ESPM 119  Chemical Ecology

ESPM 120  Soil Characteristics

ESPM 121  Development and Classification of Soils

ESPM C126/ INTEGBI C144  Animal Behavior

3.6 or above GPA and will enroll in the CNR honors program.

The ESPM H175 sequence is for ES students who have an overall 3.6 or above GPA and will enroll in the CNR honors program.

Upper Division Electives by Concentration

Biological Sciences Concentration Electives

Chemical and Environmental Sciences Electives

CHEM 103  Inorganic Chemistry in Living Systems

CHEM 115  Organic Chemistry--Advanced Laboratory Methods

CHEM C130/ MCELLBI C100A  Biophysical Chemistry: Physical Principles and the Molecules of Life

CIV ENG 101  Fluid Mechanics of Rivers, Streams, and Wetlands

CIV ENG 107  Climate Change Mitigation

CIV ENG 113  Ecological Engineering for Water Quality Improvement

CIV ENG 114  Environmental Microbiology

EPS/INTEGBI C100/GEOG C146  Communicating Ocean Science

ESPM 102A  Terrestrial Resource Ecology

ESPM 102B  Natural Resource Sampling & 102BL and Laboratory in Natural Resource Sampling

ESPM C103/ INTEGBI C156  Principles of Conservation Biology

ESPM C104/ ENVECON C115  Modeling and Management of Biological Resources

ESPM 105A  Sierra Nevada Ecology


ESPM C107/ INTEGBI 158LF  Biology and Geomorphology of Tropical Islands

ESPM 108A  Trees: Taxonomy, Growth, and Structures

ESPM 108B  Environmental Change Genetics

ESPM 110  Primate Ecology

ESPM 111  Ecosystem Ecology

ESPM 112  Microbial Ecology

ESPM 113  Insect Ecology

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ESPM 115B  Biology of Aquatic Insects

ESPM C115C/ INTEGBI C176L  Fish Ecology

ESPM 116B  Rangeland Ecology

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ESPM 118  Agricultural Ecology

ESPM 119  Chemical Ecology

ESPM 120  Soil Characteristics

ESPM 121  Development and Classification of Soils

ESPM C126/ INTEGBI C144  Animal Behavior

1 These four courses must be completed in the sequence listed, beginning the fall semester of the student's junior year. Students who plan to study abroad or otherwise not continuously enroll at UC Berkeley for their junior and senior years should meet with the ES adviser.

2 The ESPM H175 sequence is for ES students who have an overall 3.6 or above GPA and will enroll in the CNR honors program.
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ENVECON 161 Advanced Topics in Environmental and Resource Economics 4
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ESPM 102C Resource Management 4
Environmental Sciences

The Quantitative Reasoning requirement is only required by Environmental Economics and Policy (EEP) majors. The requirement may be satisfied by exam or by taking an approved course.

Undergraduate Breadth

Undergraduate breadth provide Berkeley students with a rich and varied educational experience outside of their major program and many students complete their breadth courses in their first two years. Breadth courses are built into CNR major requirements and each major requires a different number of breadth courses and categories. The EEP major is the only CNR major that requires the entire 7 course breadth. Refer to the major snapshots on each CNR major page (https://nature.berkeley.edu/advising/majors-minors) for additional information.

High School Exam Credit


Units Requirements

Students must complete at least 120 semester units of courses subject to certain guidelines:

- At least 36 units must be upper division courses, including a minimum of 15 units of upper division courses in the College of Natural Resources.
- A maximum of 16 units of Special Studies coursework (courses numbered 97, 98, 99, 197, 198, or 199) is allowed towards the 120 units; a maximum of four is allowed in a given semester.
- A maximum of 4 units of Physical Education from any school attended will count towards the 120 units.
- Students may receive unit credit for courses graded P (including P/NP units taken through EAP) up to a limit of one-third of the total units taken and passed on the Berkeley campus at the time of graduation.

Semester Unit Minimum

All CNR students must enroll in at least 13 units each fall and spring semester.

Semester Unit Maximum

To request permission to take more than 19.5 units in a semester, please see the major adviser.

Semester Limit

Students admitted as freshmen must graduate within 8 fall/spring semesters at UC Berkeley. Students admitted as transfer students must graduate within 4 fall/spring semesters at UC Berkeley. Students who go on EAP and UCDC can petition for additional semesters. Summer session, UC Extension and non-UC study abroad programs do not count towards this semester limit. Students approved for double majors or simultaneous degrees in two colleges may be granted an additional semester. CNR does not limit the number of total units a student can accrue.
Senior Residence Requirement

After the term in which you achieve and exceed 90 units (senior status), you must complete at least 24 of the remaining 30 units in residence at the College of Natural Resources over at least 2 semesters. To count as residence, a semester must consist of at least 6 passed units taken while the student is a member of CNR. At least one of the two terms must be a fall or spring semester. Senior residence terms do not need to be completed consecutively. All courses offered on campus for the fall, spring, and summer terms by Berkeley departments and programs and all Berkeley online (‘W’) courses count. Inter-campus Visitor, Education Abroad Program, UC Berkeley Washington Program, and UC Berkeley Extension units do not count toward this requirement.

Students may use Summer Session to satisfy one semester of the Senior Residence Requirement, provided that four units of coursework are completed.

Modified Senior Residence Requirement

Participants in a fall, spring or summer UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP), Berkeley Summer Abroad, or the UC Berkeley Washington Program may meet a modified Senior Residence Requirement by completing 24 of their final 60 semester units in residence (excluding UCEAP). At least 12 of these 24 units must be completed after senior status is reached. International travel study programs sponsored by Summer Sessions and education abroad programs offered outside of the UC system do not qualify for modified senior residence.

Most students automatically satisfy the residence requirement by attending classes here for four years. In general, there is no need to be concerned about this requirement, unless students go abroad for a semester or year or want to take courses at another institution or through University Extension during their senior year. In these cases, students should make an appointment to see an adviser to determine how they can meet the Senior Residence Requirement.

Grade Requirements

- A 2.0 UC GPA is required for graduation.
- A 2.0 average in all upper division courses required of the major program is required for graduation.
- A grade of at least C- is required in all courses for the major.

Learning Goals for the Major

1. Develop a broad, interdisciplinary framework for approaching complex, interconnected environmental problems facing our world at multiple scales.
2. Develop strong analytic and quantitative skills needed to identify problems, develop a program to address the problem, execute a rigorous analysis of the issue, and reach independent conclusions.
3. Develop a rigorous scientific base across multiple disciplines (social, biological, and physical sciences) but with a strong concentration in one area so as to develop depth of expertise in that field.
4. Learn how to communicate findings effectively to the scientific community, government agencies, non-government environmental organizations, and the public.

Skills

1. Recognition of and knowledge about environmental problems and areas of research.
an impressive overview of the diverse interests and achievements of recent graduates from UC Berkeley, including specific data for the Environmental Sciences (https://career.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/pdf/Survey/2015EnvSci.pdf) major within the College of Natural Resources. Each annual data set includes the August, December, and May graduating cohorts for that survey year. This data is designed to provide students, alumni, and employers with critical information about where Cal students go after graduation. As expected, college major does not restrict the employment or graduate school options that Cal students pursue. With careful planning (https://career.berkeley.edu/Plan/Plan), you can develop career-related skills and experiences that can prepare you for almost any job or graduate school field.

Sample Career Pathways

Environmental Sciences majors go on to pursue a wide variety of career options including, but not limited to:

- Federal Government Agencies (e.g. Environmental Protection Agency; Department of Agriculture)/environmental remediation & compliance: soil, water, air & sediments
- Nonprofit Organizations (Environment & Sustainability focused): Administration, management, public relations, fundraising/development, program coordination, grant writing, volunteer management
- Business: Sales (e.g. solar), regulatory/compliance; corporate social responsibility (CSR), environmental consulting
- Waste Management: Risk assessment, quality control, logistics, planning, recycling, transportation, public health
- Air & Water Quality Management: Testing/analysis, watershed management, stream restoration, sustainable infrastructure, risk assessment, compliance/permitting
- Soil Science: Waste disposal, environmental compliance, landfill operation and monitoring, fertilizer technology, agricultural production, research, organic farming
- Planning and Conservation: Natural resource management, sustainability programs, water resources, transportation and aviation planning, building/zoning, land use/acquisition, recreation and parks management, mining
- Education/Environmental Education: Teaching (elementary, secondary, post-secondary, research); public/community education, public health, outdoor education
- Communications: Technical writing, editing, illustrating, photography, public relations
- Health/Medical: Physician, allied health professions, nutrition, alternative medicine
- Environmental Law: Political action/lobbying, regulatory affairs, science policy, patent law, public interest, environmental law, mediation

Visit our Connecting Majors to Careers (https://career.berkeley.edu/InfoLab/Majors2Careers) resource to explore additional career paths most commonly associated with over 80 majors, including Environmental Sciences (http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/environmentalstudies-science3.pdf).

Career Services Overview

The UC Berkeley Career Center (https://career.berkeley.edu) prepares undergraduates, graduate students, and alumni to make informed decisions about their futures by providing comprehensive resources, programs, and counseling on career development, internships, employment, and graduate school. Whether it be through a resume critique, an alumni networking event, or an interviewing skills workshop, the Career Center is committed to helping all students achieve:

- Career Clarity: providing students the opportunity to identify their career direction;
- Career Competitiveness: providing students the opportunity to enhance their marketability via real-world experiences;
- Career Connections: providing students opportunities to engage with alumni and employers.

Career and Internship Resources

The UC Berkeley Career Center (https://career.berkeley.edu) offers a wide variety of programs and resources to support students of all majors and class levels.

- Job Search Tools (https://career.berkeley.edu/Tools/Jobs): Resume and cover letter writing, job search strategies, networking tools, interviewing skills, and more.
- Career Counseling (https://career.berkeley.edu/Info/MakeAppt): A wide variety of scheduled and drop-in appointment options based on major and topic.
- Internships (https://career.berkeley.edu/Internships/Internships): Internship listings, search strategies, FAQs, and more.
- Career Exploration (https://career.berkeley.edu/Info/CareerExp): Resources to explore career options, identify career goals, and develop effective career plans.
- Events and Workshops (https://career.berkeley.edu/Info/Events): Over 70 events each semester including workshops, alumni networking events, career panels, conferences, and on-campus Career Chats.
- Career Fairs and Employer Information Sessions (https://career.berkeley.edu/Callisto/Infosession): We offer 14 career fairs each year across a variety of career fields and partner with numerous employers for on-campus information sessions.
- Graduate and Professional School (https://career.berkeley.edu/Info/GradProf): Counseling and resources to help students research and apply for graduate and professional school including medical school (https://career.berkeley.edu/Medical/Medical) and law school (https://career.berkeley.edu/Law/Law).

*The above services are available to all currently enrolled UC Berkeley students and members of the Career Center’s Alumni Advantage (https://career.berkeley.edu/Alumni/AlumniAdv) program.

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ENV SCI 8X Climate Change: The Interface of Science and Public Policy 2 Units
Terms offered: Prior to 2007
The possible impacts of climate changes enhanced by or following from human activities create challenges for planners, policy-makers, industrialists, and all citizens of the globe. This course seeks to examine the science of climate change and the policy issues that follow from that change.
Climate Change: The Interface of Science and Public Policy: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Sciences/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Berry
Climate Change: The Interface of Science and Public Policy: Read Less [-]

ENV SCI 10 Introduction to Environmental Sciences 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2013, Spring 2013, Fall 2012
A survey of biological and physical environmental problems, focusing on geologic hazards, water and air quality, water supply, solid waste, introduced and endangered species, preservation of wetland ecosystems. Interaction of technical, social, and political approaches to environmental management.
Introduction to Environmental Sciences: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Sciences/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Introduction to Environmental Sciences: Read Less [-]

ENV SCI 10L Field Study in Environmental Sciences 1 Unit
Terms offered: Fall 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2008
Field and laboratory studies of Strawberry Creek throughout its course from the hills to the Bay are used to exemplify integration of the physical, biological, and social components of science-based approaches to environmental management.
Field Study in Environmental Sciences: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 10 (must be taken concurrently)
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of fieldwork per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Sciences/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.
Instructors: Berry, Kondolf
Field Study in Environmental Sciences: Read Less [-]

ENV SCI 24 Freshman Seminar 1 Unit
Terms offered: Fall 2010, Fall 2009, Spring 2009
The Freshman Seminar Program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small-seminar setting. Freshman Seminars are offered in all campus departments, and topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment limited to fifteen freshmen.
Freshman Seminar: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Sciences/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.
Freshman Seminar: Read Less [-]
ENV SCI 84 Sophomore Seminar 1 or 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2011, Fall 2010, Spring 2010
Sophomore seminars are small interactive courses offered by faculty members in departments all across the campus. Sophomore seminars offer opportunity for close, regular intellectual contact between faculty members and students in the crucial second year. The topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment limited to 15 sophomores.
Sophomore Seminar: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: At discretion of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring:
5 weeks - 3-6 hours of seminar per week
10 weeks - 1.5-3 hours of seminar per week
15 weeks - 1-2 hours of seminar per week
Summer:
6 weeks - 2.5-5 hours of seminar per week
8 weeks - 1.5-3.5 hours of seminar and 2-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Sciences/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

Sophomore Seminar: Read Less [-]

ENV SCI 100 Introduction to the Methods of Environmental Science 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2013, Spring 2012, Spring 2011
Introduction to basic methods used in environmental research by biological, physical, and social scientists. The course is designed to teach skills necessary for majors to conduct independent thesis research in the required senior seminar, 196A-196B/196L. Topics include development of research questions, sampling methods, experimental design, statistical analysis, scientific writing and graphics, and introductions to special techniques for characterizing environmental conditions and features. This course is the prerequisite to 196A, from which the senior thesis topic statement is determined.
Introduction to the Methods of Environmental Science: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Environmental science statistics requirement. Open only to declared environmental sciences majors

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture, 1 hour of discussion, and 1.5 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Sciences/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Introduction to the Methods of Environmental Science: Read Less [-]

ENV SCI 125 Environments of the San Francisco Bay Area 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2011, Spring 2010, Spring 2009
The weather and climate, plants and animals, geology, landforms, and soils of the Bay Area, with an emphasis on the interaction of these physical elements, their modification by humans, and problems deriving from human use.

Environments of the San Francisco Bay Area: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Environmental Sciences/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.
Instructor: Berry

Environments of the San Francisco Bay Area: Read Less [-]