

Earth & Environmental Science, AS

Program Description

The Associate's of Science degree in Earth and Environmental Sciences (ENVS) is an interdisciplinary study of the relevant natural science disciplines, with content including the geosciences, geography, and environmental sciences. This program provides knowledge and experience through lecture, laboratory, and field courses that immerse the students into the world around them, preparing them for entry level positions in the discipline and bringing them one step closer to a Bachelor's degree. Students will analyze and solve problems associated with use of energy, water, and mineral resources; in protection of the environment; in planning for the impact of natural hazards; and in sustainable approaches to societal development. The region and ecosystems that surround Utah Tech University provide the ideal laboratory to apply concepts to the earth, energy, and environmental issues that impact the future of humanity. This program naturally feeds into the Bachelor's of Science degree in Earth, Energy, and Environmental science.

Program Curriculum

60 credits

Utah Tech General Education Requirements

All Utah Tech General Education requirements must be fulfilled. A previously earned degree may fulfill those requirements, but courses must be equivalent to Utah Tech's minimum General Education standards in American Institutions, English, and Mathematics.

General Education Core Requirements (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)

Code	Title	Hours
English		3-7
Mathematics		3-5
American Institutions		3-6
Life Sciences		3-10
Physical Sciences		3-5
Fine Arts		3
Literature/Humanities		3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		3

Code	Title	Hours
Earth and Environmental Sciences Core Requirements		
BIOL 1610 & BIOL 1615	Principles of Biology I (LS) and Principles of Biology I Lab (LAB)	5
CHEM 1210 & CHEM 1215	Principles of Chemistry I (PS) and Principles of Chemistry I Lab (LAB)	5
ENGL 2201	Literature and the Land (HU, GC)	3
ENVS 1210 & ENVS 1215	Principles of Environmental Science and Principles of Environmental Science Laboratory	4
ENVS 2210	Environmental Pollution and Remediation Techniques	3
GEO 1110 & GEO 1115	Physical Geology (PS) and Physical Geology Lab (LAB)	4
GEO 2050	Earth Materials	4
MATH 1060	Trigonometry (MA)	3
PHYS 2010 & PHYS 2015	College Physics I (PS) and College Physics I Lab	5

Code	Title	Hours
ENVS 2700R or GEO 2700R	Field Methods in Environmental Science Field Methods in Geoscience Research	1

ENVS 2990R	Career Seminar in Environmental Science	1
or GEO 2990R	Career Seminar in Geology	

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of 60 college-level credits (1000 and above).
2. Complete at least 20 semester hours of credits at Utah Tech for institutional residency.
3. Grade of C- or higher and cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher in all required courses.

Graduation Plan

1st Year

Fall Semester	Hours Spring Semester	Hours
ENVS 1210 & ENVS 1215	4 BIOL 1610 & BIOL 1615	5
GEO 1110 & GEO 1115	4 ENGL 2010	3
ENGL 1010	3 PHYS 2210 & PHYS 2215	5
MATH 1060	3 General Education (Fine Arts) (catalog.utahtech.edu/ programs/generaleducation/ #gerequirementstext)	3
SSC 1010	2	
	16	16

2nd Year

Fall Semester	Hours Spring Semester	Hours
CHEM 1210 & CHEM 1215	5 ENVS 2210	3
ENVS 2700R or GEO 2700R	1 GEO 2050	4
General Education (Social & Behavioral Science) (catalog.utahtech.edu/ programs/generaleducation/ #gerequirementstext)	3 ENGL 2201	3
General Education (American Institutions) (catalog.utahtech.edu/ programs/generaleducation/ #gerequirementstext)	3 ENVS 2990R or GEO 2990R	1
	Electives	5
	12	16

Total Hours 60

AS Earth and Environment Sciences Degree Program Learning Outcomes

At the successful conclusion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Consider the interdisciplinary nature of geological, environmental, and energy sciences, as well as their interrelationships with human activity.
2. Analyze environmental science issues and propose ethical solutions that account for cross-cultural and historical context at local and global scales.
3. Correlate geologic processes with Earth's energy sources and appraise our dependence and exploitation of those sources to support society.
4. Critically assess datasets from qualitative and quantitative research methods that explore solutions to earth, energy and environmental science issues.
5. Evaluate the effects of geologic time as they pertain to the interactive nature of and changes to Earth systems (Geosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and biosphere).