

Environmental Studies, BA, BGS, BS

University of Kansas - Edwards Campus

Johnson County Community College Transfer Program to the University of Kansas, Edwards Campus	Academic Success Navigators
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Program Description

The Associate of Arts (AA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-arts/>) degree is a general transfer degree and partners well with the first two years of most bachelor degree programs. Students pursuing the AA may select courses that satisfy both the AA degree requirements and lower division requirements for a bachelor's degree at four-year institutions. The elective hours within the AA allow students to complete additional general education and lower division courses required for specific majors. The AA degree requires completion of 60 credit hours. Meeting with a JCCC counselor (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/counseling/academic-counseling/>) is strongly recommended for selection of appropriate courses.

Three Degree Options

The Environmental Studies program at KU Edwards offers three degree options. For the BA and the BGS, the major requirements are identical and require 40 credit hours, but degree requirements differ. See the BA and BGS degree requirements below. For the BS degree, the major requires 68 hours and degree requirements are different from the BA or BGS. See the BS degree requirements below. All students must satisfy the KU Core 34, KU's general education program.

Admission

Applicants are assured admission with 24+ transferable credit hours with a GPA of 2.5. Only transfer grades of "C-" or higher will count towards KU degree requirements. All grades count in the transferable GPA used for admission decisions. Apply at KU Admissions (<https://admissions.ku.edu/>) by selecting the Transfer application and selecting the Edwards Campus.

Graduation Requirements

- Students must earn 120 hours for graduation. A maximum of 75 hours may be transferred to KU from community colleges. Students should be aware that 45 junior/senior credit hours are required for completion of the bachelor's degree; 30 of those hours must be at KU; and community college courses do not transfer as junior/senior hours.

KU Core 34 Requirements

- Students transferring to KU, with an Associate of Arts (AA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-arts/>), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-fine-arts/>) or Associate of Science (AS) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-science/>) degree from JCCC will satisfy KU's Core 34 general education curriculum.
- Students who transfer to KU, without completing Associate of Arts (AA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-arts/>), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-fine-arts/>) or Associate of Science (AS) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-science/>) degree will have courses evaluated on a course-by-course basis toward meeting KU requirements. To learn more about courses that satisfy KU Core 34 Requirements (<https://catalog.ku.edu/core34/>) and KU CredTran (<https://creditransfer.ku.edu/>).
- Visit the KU Core 34 General Education guide (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/transfer/files/transfer-guides/ku-core-requirements.pdf>) for JCCC equivalents.

Program Requirements

KU Core 34

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Visit the KU Core 34 English (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents.		6			
Visit the KU Core 34 Communications (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents.		3			
Visit the KU Core 34 Math and Statistics (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents.					
MATH 171	College Algebra*	3	MATH 101	College Algebra	3
Visit the KU Core 34 Natural and Physical Sciences (lab required) (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents.		4-5			
Visit the KU Core 34 Core 34 Social and Behavioral Sciences (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. (Select two courses in two different disciplines)		6			
Visit the KU Core 34 Arts and Humanities (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. (Select two courses in two different disciplines)		6			
Visit the KU Core 34 US Culture (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents.		3			
Visit the KU Core 34 Global Culture (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents.		3			

Listed below are the courses that must be taken for the BA, BGS, or BS. As students pursue their associate degree, they should meet with an academic success coach at KU Edwards to ensure that the electives chosen for the associate degree are appropriate for the Environmental Studies program as well.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Environmental Studies

In addition to the KU Core 34 and the courses in the major, the BA requires fourth#semester proficiency in one foreign language, or third#semester proficiency in one language and first#semester proficiency in another language (^)

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
MATH 201	Statistics*	3	MATH 365	Elementary Statistics	
EVRN 130	Environmental Science	3	EVRN 140	Global Environment I: The Discovery of Environmental Change	
EVRN 132	Environmental Science Laboratory*	2	EVRN 160 & GEOG 160	Environmental Solutions 1 and Environmental Solutions Lab	1

Select one of the following:

EVRN 275	Nature, Law, and Environmental Protection*	3	EVRN 332 Environmental Law
HIST 210	Environmental History of North America	3	EVRN 347 Environmental History of North America
Foreign Language First Semester [^] Visit the JCCC American Sign & Foreign Language for course offerings			
Foreign Language Second Semester [^] Visit the JCCC American Sign & Foreign Language for course offerings			
Foreign Language Third Semester [^] Visit the JCCC American Sign & Foreign Language for course offerings			
Foreign Language Fourth Semester or Foreign Language First Semester in a different language. [^] Visit the JCCC American Sign & Foreign Language for course offerings			

Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) in Environmental Studies

In addition to the KU Core 34 and the courses in the major, the BGS requires an upper#level career preparation course which is fulfilled by the environmental studies capstone course. The BGS also requires a second area of study (one of: additional major, co#major, minor, two certificates). If students know the minor they wish to pursue, up to six hours may be taken at the community college, but students should consult a KU Edwards academic success coach.

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Code	Title		Hours		
MATH 201	Statistics*	3	MATH 365	Elementary Statistics	3
EVRN 130	Environmental Science	3	EVRN 140	Global Environment I: The Discovery of Environmental Change	
EVRN 132	Environmental Science Laboratory*	2	EVRN 160	Environmental Solutions	

Select one of the following:

EVRN 275	Nature, Law, and Environmental Protection*	3	EVRN 332 Environmental Law
HIST 210	Environmental History of North America	3	EVRN 347 Environmental History of North America

Bachelor of Science (BS) in Environmental Studies

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Code	Title		Hours		
BIOL 135	Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology	4	BIOL 150	Principles of Molecular and Cellular Biology AND BIOL 154 Intro Biology Lab for STEM Majors	
BIOL 150	Biology of Organisms*	5	BIOL 152	Principles of Organismal Biology	
CHEM 124 & CHEM 125	General Chemistry I Lecture* and General Chemistry I Lab*	4	CHEM 130	General Chemistry I	
CHEM 131 & CHEM 132	General Chemistry II Lecture* and General Chemistry II Lab*	4	CHEM 135	General Chemistry II	
EVRN 130	Environmental Science	3	EVRN 140	Global Environment I: The Discovery of Environmental Change	

EVRN 132	Environmental Science Laboratory*	2	EVRN 160 Environment Solutions		
Select one of the following:					
EVRN 275	Nature, Law, and Environmental Protection*	3	EVRN 332 Environmental Law		
HIST 210	Environmental History of North America	3	EVRN 347 Environmental History of North America		
Select one of the following:					
GEOS 140	Physical Geography	3	GEOG 104	Intro to Physical Geography	3
GEOS 141	Physical Geography Lab*	2	GEOG 105	Intro Humanized Earth	3
Select one of the following:					
GEOS 130	General Geology (OR)	5	GEOL 101	The Way The Earth Works	3
CHEM 220	Organic Chemistry I*	5	CHEM 331 Organic Chemistry I Lab OR CHEM 330 Organic Chemistry I		
MATH 201	Statistics*	3	MATH 365	Elementary Statistics	3
MATH 231	Business and Applied Calculus I* (AND)	3	MATH 115	Calculus I	3
Select one of the following:					
MATH 232	Business and Applied Calculus II*	3	MATH 116	Calculus II	3
MATH 241	Calculus I*	5	MATH 125 & MATH 145	Calculus I and "Calculus I, Honors"	4

* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

^ This course is a Required major course and is also part of Core 34: Systemwide General Education. If this course is not taken to fulfill the Core 34:SGE requirement, it must be taken in place of elective hours.