

Environmental Geographies, Politics and Cultures major

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Overview:	The Environmental Geographies, Politics and Cultures major focuses on the relationship between human activities and the natural and built environment, humanity's changing relationship with the natural environment, and with the natural 'resources' that we both need and use. Contemporary political disputes, for example, have much to do with long-held concerns over energy supplies, water, land and food.
Learning Outcomes:	By the end of a three year Bachelor of Environments degree with an Environmental Geographies, Politics and Cultures major, students will have developed a base of knowledge in natural systems, political economy, and cultural politics, providing students with the skills and conceptual frameworks needed to understand complex processes shaping the world around us. For more information visit: www.benvs.unimelb.edu.au (http://www.benvs.unimelb.edu.au/)
Structure & Available Subjects:	112.5 points (9 subjects) of Environmental Geographies, Politics and Cultures subjects.
Majors/Minors/Specialisations	<p>Course planning for an Environmental Geographies, Politics and Cultures major</p> <p>A major in Environmental Geographies, Politics and Cultures in the Bachelor of Environments consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # 112.5 points (9 subjects) of Environmental Geographies, Politics and Cultures subjects; # 37.5 points (3 subjects) of core first year subjects (Natural Environments, Reshaping Environments and Urban Environments). <p>This is in addition to elective subjects and breadth subjects to make up the 300 points required for the degree. Specific details of the Bachelor of Environments course structure can be found at:</p> <p>https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/current/B-ENVS (../view/current/B-ENVS)</p>
Subject Options:	<p>The following description of the Environmental Geographies, Politics and Cultures major aligns with the Study Plan Structure viewable on the Portal for students who commenced the Bachelor of Environments in 2013 or later.</p> <p>The components within the structure of this major have been designed to enforce the requirements of both this specific major and of the course overall, e.g. the requirement that at least 62.5 points of Environments discipline subjects (which can include subjects taken within the major) are taken at each of Level 2 and Level 3.</p> <p>It is strongly recommended that students refer to the full description of this major.</p> <p>The layout of this description is not necessarily in the order in which subjects are taken.</p> <p>E.g. breadth subjects should be taken in a student's first year and the information on breadth is displayed at the end of this entry.</p> <p>Students who commenced the Bachelor of Environments prior to 2013 should refer to the handbook entry for the year they commenced in conjunction with the 2013 handbook listings for Environments elective and Breadth subject listings.</p> <p>Level 1 Core subjects - Bachelor of Environments (37.5 points)</p> <p>Core subjects that must be taken by all Bachelor of Environments students.</p> <p>All of</p>

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
ENVS10001 Natural Environments	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50
ENVS10002 Reshaping Environments	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50
ENVS10007 Urban Environments	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50

Level 1 Environments Electives (37.5 points)

Select three of the following subjects.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
ENVS10003 Constructing Environments	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50
ENVS10004 Designing Environments	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50
ENVS10005 Governing Environments	Semester 2	12.50
ENVS10006 Mapping Environments	Semester 1	12.50
ENVS10009 Structural Environments	Semester 2	12.50
ENVS10010 Owned Environments	Semester 1	12.50
ENVS10011 Productive Environments	Semester 2	12.50
ABPL10003 Visualising Environments	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50

Environmental Geographies, Politics and Cultures major - core subjects (37.5 points)

All of

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
GEOG20001 Society and Environments	Semester 1	12.50
GEOG20003 Environmental Politics and Management	Semester 1	12.50
GEOG30019 Sustainable Development	Semester 1	12.50

Environmental Geographies, Politics and Cultures major - Level 2 electives (25 points)

Select 25 points (i.e. 2 x 12.5 point subjects) from the following subjects.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
ECOL20003 Ecology	Semester 2	12.50
GEOG20002 Understanding Global Landforms	Semester 1	12.50
GEOG20008 Inside the City of Diversity	Semester 2	12.50
GEOG20009 Landscapes and Diversity	Semester 2	12.50
GEOG20010 China in Transition	Semester 1	12.50
ENST20002 Environmental Change Field Class	Semester 2	12.50
AIND20010 Australian Environmental Philosophy	Semester 2	12.50

Environmental Geographies, Politics and Cultures major - Level 3 electives (50 points)

Select 50 points (i.e. 4 x 12.5 point subjects; 25 point subjects can also be taken) from the following subjects.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
ECON30011 Environmental Economics	Semester 2	12.50
GEOG30001 Coastal Landforms & Processes	Semester 1	12.50
GEOG30004 Fluvial Geomorphology	Semester 2	12.50
GEOG30007 China Field Class	Semester 2	25
GEOG30021 The Disaster Resilient City	Semester 2	12.50
GEOG30022 River Ecology & Ecosystem Management	Semester 1	12.50
GEOG30023 Global Climate Change in Context	February	12.50
GEOG30024 Africa: Environment, Development, People	Semester 2	12.50
GEOG30025 Biogeography and Ecology of Fire	Semester 1	12.50

There is also one Level 1 subject that can also contribute to this major (i.e. as an elective in the major that counts as one of the 9 subjects)

Students interested in taking this subject should include the subject in the Free Points component of their study plan. It can take the place of another subject within the composition of this major but cannot be added to the major in the study plan. Students will need to ensure that they complete at least 62.5 points of Environments discipline subjects (which can include subjects within the major) at each of Level 2 and Level 3.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
GEOG10001 Famine: The Geography of Scarcity	Semester 1	12.50

N.B. Students wishing to substitute either one or two Level 2 electives within this major for Level 3 electives, or one or two Level 3 electives within this major for Level 2 electives will be able to do so. An appropriate adjustment to the Level 2 and Level 3 Environments electives (below) can be made for individual students to ensure that within the Bachelor of Environments course the minimum points requirements for Environments discipline subjects are met (i.e. at least 62.5 points at Level 2 and at least 62.5 points at Level 3).

Contact the **Environments and Design Student Centre** (<http://benvs.unimelb.edu.au/current-students/student-centre>) for assistance.

Level 2 Environments elective subject (12.5 points)

Select one x 12.5 point subject at Level 2 from the list of **Environments Discipline subjects** ([../view/current/%21B-ENVS-SPC%2B1000](http://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/current/%21B-ENVS-SPC%2B1000))

Level 2 or Level 3 Environments elective subjects (25 points)

Select two x 12.5 point subjects at Level 2 or Level 3 from the list of **Environments Discipline subjects** ([../view/current/%21B-ENVS-SPC%2B1000](http://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/current/%21B-ENVS-SPC%2B1000))

Breadth subjects

Bachelor of Environments students must complete between 50 and 75 credit points of subjects selected from those available as breadth for Bachelor of Environments students; with no more than 37.5 points at Level 1. For a complete listing of available subjects please click the 'Find breadth subjects' link on the **Handbook homepage** ([../](http://handbook.unimelb.edu.au)) and perform a search.

The breadth requirements for the Bachelor of Environments include the restriction of some subjects as breadth options, depending on an individual student's choice of major. Subjects in the Handbook that are marked as available as breadth in the Bachelor of Environments may be subject to further restrictions, depending up which major a student is completing in that course. Detailed information on these **Restrictions for Breadth Options** ([../view/CURRENT/%21B-ENVS-SPC%2B1001](http://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/CURRENT/%21B-ENVS-SPC%2B1001)) is available.

Breadth restrictions for Environmental Geographies, Politics and Cultures major students

Due to the Environmental Geographies, Politics and Cultures major falling under the socio-cultural category, students are not permitted to take social science subjects (including anthropology and social theory, development studies, psychology, international studies, Asian studies, Australian indigenous studies, Australian studies, linguistics, cultural studies, criminology, sociology and political science) as breadth.

Students undertaking the Environmental Geographies Politics and Cultures major are not permitted to take as breadth:

- # any Anthropology subjects (subject codes beginning ANTH)
- # any Asian Studies subjects (subject codes beginning ASIA)
- # any Australian Indigenous Studies subjects (subject codes beginning AIND)
- # any Australian Studies subjects (subject code beginning AUST)
- # any Criminology subjects (subject codes beginning CRIM)
- # any Development Studies subjects (subject codes beginning DEVT)
- # any Economics subjects (subject codes beginning ECON)
- # any Environmental Science subjects (subject codes beginning EVSC)
- # any Gender Studies subjects (subject codes beginning GEND)
- # any Linguistics subjects (subject codes beginning LING)
- # any Political Science subjects (subject codes beginning POLS)
- # any Psychology subjects (subject codes beginning PSYC)
- # any Social Theory subjects (subject codes beginning SOTH)
- # any Sociology subjects (subject codes beginning SOCI)

Notes:

For more information on this major and to view a sample course plan please visit: <http://edsc.unimelb.edu.au/sample-course-plans-bachelor-environments> (<http://edsc.unimelb.edu.au/sample-course-plans-bachelor-environments>)