

General Education Courses for undergraduates in the Department of Environmental & Forest Biology

Successful completion of any undergraduate major at SUNY-ESF requires at least 27 credit hours of unspecialized coursework distributed among nine knowledge and skill areas, which are collectively referred to as **general education**.

Regardless of major, the core requirements satisfy four of the nine knowledge/skill areas (12 credits): Basic Communication, Humanities, Mathematics, and Natural Sciences. All majors except Biotechnology also have a Social Science course in the core requirements (15 credits total).

Those knowledge/skill areas that are **not** included in the core are fulfilled by taking **General Education electives**. All students must elect at least one course (3 or more credit hours) in American History, Western Civilization, Other World Civilizations, and The Arts. Biotechnology students must also elect a course in Social Sciences.

The courses listed below have been approved as meeting the SUNY requirements for the respective General Education category. Most are designed as Lower Division (100-200 level, Freshman-Sophomore) classes. ESF courses are in black and are strongly recommended. Alternative courses at Syracuse University are in red; if semester is not indicated, the course is not taught on a fixed schedule.

The current ESF catalog always contains the official list—check it for recent changes (<http://www.esf.edu/catalog/2009-2010/pdf/AcademicPrograms.pdf>). The substitution of any course that is not on this list requires a successful petition (see your advisor); be certain to attach a **full course description**.

Social Sciences

EFB 120 The Global Environment & the Evolution of Human Society	3 cr	F, S
EST 221 Introduction to American Government	3 cr	F
EST 366 Attitudes, Values and the Environment	3 cr	S
EST 390 Social Processes and the Environment	3 cr	S
FOR 202 Introduction to Sociology	3 cr	F, S
FOR 207 Introduction to Economics	3 cr	F, S
GEO 103 America and the Global Environment	3 cr	
MAX 132 Global Community	3 cr	F, S
PAF 101 An Introduction to the Analysis of Public Policy	3 cr	F, S
PSC 123 Comparative Government and Politics	3 cr	
PSC 124 International Relations	3 cr	F, S
PSC 125 Political Theory	3 cr	
PSY 205 Foundations of Human Behavior	3 cr	F, S
SOC 248 Ethnic Inequalities and Intergroup Relations	3 cr	F, S
SOC 281 Sociology of Families	3 cr	F, S

American History

EST 201 American History: Reconstruction to Present	3 cr	S
EST 361 History of the American Environmental Movement	3 cr	F
(only for students scoring above 84 on the U.S. History Regents exam)	3 cr	F
FOR 204 Natural Resources in American History	3 cr	F, S
HST 101 American History to 1865	3 cr	F, S
HST 102 American History Since 1865	3 cr	

Western Civilization

FOR 203 Western Civilization and the Environment	3 cr	F, S
LSA 205 Art, Culture and Landscape I	3 cr	F
LSA 206 Art, Culture and Landscape II	3 cr	S
LSA 405 History of Landscape Architecture	3 cr	S
ETS 211 Early European Literary History	3 cr	
FIA 105 Arts and Ideas I	3 cr	
FIA 106 Arts and Ideas II	3 cr	
HST 111 Early Modern Europe, 1350-1815	3 cr	
HST 210 The Ancient World	3 cr	
HST 211 Medieval and Reformation Europe	3 cr	
LIT 203 Greek and Roman Epic in English Translation	3 cr	
LIT 211 Greek and Roman Drama in Translation	3 cr	
PSC 125 Political Theory	3 cr	
REL 206 Greco-Roman Religion	3 cr	
REL/JSP 215 Hebrew Bible	3 cr	

Other World Civilizations

EFB 217 Peoples, Plagues and Pests	3 cr	S
EFB 305 Indigenous Issues & the Environment	3 cr	S
EST 140 Introduction to Native People, Land and Culture	3 cr	S
EST 200 Cultural Ecology	3 cr	F, S
AAS 241 African Religions: An Introduction	3 cr	
ANT 121 Peoples and Cultures of the World	3 cr	F, S
ANT 185 Global Encounters: Comparing World Views and Values	3 cr	F, S
ANT/SAS/WSP 324 Modern South Asian Cultures	3 cr	
ANT 326 Africa Through the Novel		
GEO 272 World Cultures	3 cr	
HST 320 Traditional China	3 cr	
HST 321 Modern China	3 cr	
REL 101 Religions of the World	3 cr	
REL/SAS 185 Hinduism	3 cr	
REL/SAS 186 Buddhism	3 cr	

The Arts

EFB 215 Interpreting Science through Art	3 cr	F
LSA 182 Drawing Studio	3 cr	F, S
LSA 205 Art, Culture and Landscape I	3 cr	F
LSA 206 Art, Culture and Landscape II	3 cr	S
PSE 201 The Art and Early History of Papermaking	3 cr	F
APH 241 Art Photography, Introduction	3 cr	F, S
ETS 215 Sophomore Poetry Workshop	3 cr	F, S
ETS 217 Sophomore Fiction Workshop	3 cr	F, S
FIA 105 Arts and Ideas I	3 cr	
FIA 106 Arts and Ideas II	3 cr	
FIA 115 The Visual Arts in North America	3 cr	
FIA 125 Introduction to Music Theory	3 cr	
FIA 165 Understanding Music I	3 cr	
FIA 166 Understanding Music II	3 cr	
FIA 301 Masterpieces of Art	3 cr	
FIA 317 Nineteenth-Century American Art	3 cr	