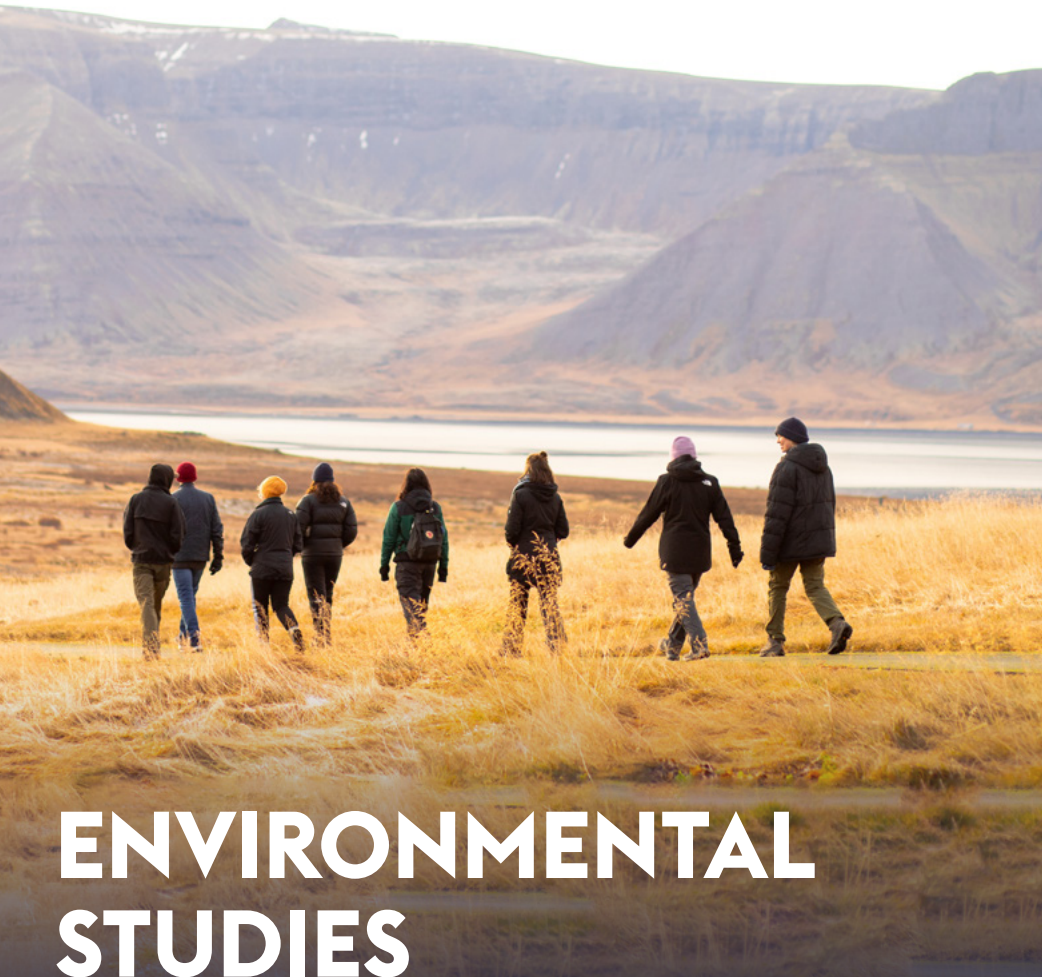


ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Examine today's environmental challenges from multiple perspectives. Environmental Studies at Franklin combines science, social sciences, and the humanities to help you understand and address complex ecological and societal issues.

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MAJOR OVERVIEW

The Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies provides an interdisciplinary foundation for analyzing environmental problems and their social, cultural, and political dimensions. At Franklin, you will explore core environmental concepts while tailoring your studies with upper-level electives that reflect your interests, integrating perspectives from science, policy, ethics, and society. The program prepares you to think critically, act responsibly, and engage in careers or further study in sustainability, conservation, and environmental policy.

YOUR DEGREE

A 120-CREDIT DEGREE DESIGNED AROUND YOUR INTERESTS

To earn a Bachelor's degree at Franklin, students must complete 120 credits across university-wide core requirements, major requirements, and elective courses. The curriculum combines a shared liberal arts foundation with specialized study in your chosen major, giving you both breadth and depth throughout your undergraduate experience.

CORE REQUIREMENTS

Courses and academic experiences shared by all Franklin students, designed to build essential skills and knowledge across disciplines.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Courses specific to your chosen major, including foundational, required, and elective courses within the discipline

INTERDISCIPLINARY ELECTIVES

Courses selected from across Franklin's curriculum to explore additional interests and complement your major.

Shared by all Franklin students

66 CREDITS

CORE REQUIREMENTS	WHAT IT DEVELOPS
First-Year Seminar, 3 credits	Introduces students to Franklin's liberal arts approach and develops critical thinking, academic research, and communication skills.
Academic Travel, 12 credits	Connects classroom learning with experiential study across different cultural and geographic contexts.
Academic Writing, 12 credits	Develops written and oral communication skills for academic and professional contexts.
Global Responsibility, 18 credits	Examines intercultural competencies, international engagement, and social responsibility.
Modern Language, 15 credits	Builds language skills and cultural literacy, with a focus on Swiss languages.
Quantitative Literacy, 6 credits	Develops the ability to interpret, analyze, and communicate numerical information and data.

Please note: in some cases, courses may fulfill both a Core Requirement and a Major Requirement.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS — 49 CREDITS

FOUNDATION COURSES — 10 credits

BIO 101	Introduction to Biology: Genetics, Evolution, and Ecology
BIO 101L	Laboratory to Introduction to Biology: Genetics, Evolution, and Ecology
ENV 200	Understanding Environmental Issues
ENV 250	Quantitative Methods for Environmental Science

REQUIRED COURSEST — 9 credits

BIO 301	Conservation Biology
BIO 310	Ecology
ENV 372	Sustainability Science

MAJOR ELECTIVES — 6 credits

Two of the following

BIO 203	Plant Biology
BIO 204	Human Anatomy and Physiology: A Biological and Environmental Perspective
BIO 330	Epidemiology, Disease and Public Health
ENV 210	Natural Disasters, Catastrophes, and the Environment
ENV 220	Ecocritical Approaches to Literature
ENV 240	Environment and Health
CHEM 301	Biochemistry
CHEM 302	Introduction to Aquatic Chemistry

PRACTICAL SKILLS — 6 credits

Two of the following

BIO 215T	Alpine and Nordic Ecosystems Dynamics: from Peaks to Poles
BIO 217T	Extreme Ecosystems (Iceland)
ENV 230T	Freshwater Conservation
ENV 232T	Marine System Conservation
ENV 280T	Managing the New Zealand Environment
ENV 399	Research in Environmental Studies
ENV 495	Advanced Research Methods for Environmental Science
ENV 498	Internship in Environmental Studies
ENV 499	Senior Research Project in Environmental Studies

CAPSTONE COURSE — 3 credits

ENV 497 | Senior Capstone in Environmental Science

*The remaining credits required to complete the degree are fulfilled through **interdisciplinary electives,** allowing students to explore courses across Franklin's academic offerings.*

CLICK HERE TO **LEARN MORE** ABOUT THE MAJOR

3-YEAR OPTION

This major is also available as a three-year accelerated bachelor's degree for students who qualify for advanced standing based on their high school academic credentials. Students admitted with 30 U.S. credits of advanced standing receive a head start on their university studies, allowing them to complete their degree in three years.

GET TO KNOW OUR FACULTY



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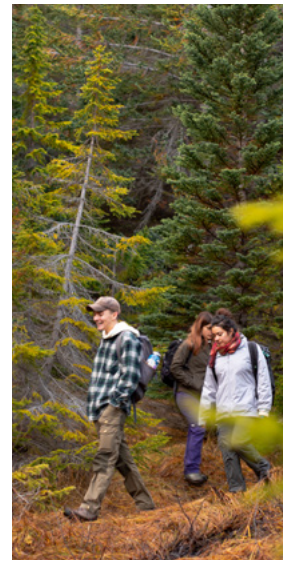


ACADEMIC TRAVEL

EXPERIENCE THE PLACES YOU STUDY

Academic Travel courses allow students to learn beyond the classroom by exploring real-world environments alongside knowledgeable and passionate professors, turning travel destinations into immersive, living classrooms.

EXPLORE SOME MAJOR-RELATED ACADEMIC TRAVELS



BIO 215T ALPINE AND NORDIC ECOSYSTEMS DYNAMICS: FROM PEAKS TO POLES
Explore the ecology of cold environments from the Alps to the Nordic regions, studying species, interactions, and adaptations. Gain hands-on field experience while examining climate change and conservation challenges.

BIO 217T EXTREME ECOSYSTEMS – ICELAND
Investigate how life survives in the planet's most extreme habitats, from deserts to hot springs and tidal shores. Observe and study Icelandic ecosystems firsthand during the Academic Travel component.

ENV 232T MARINE SYSTEM CONSERVATION - EGYPT
Dive into the science of oceans and coasts, examining ecological processes, human impacts, and protection strategies. Engage directly with marine ecosystems and medical applications during Academic Travel along Egypt's Red Sea.

ENV 280T MANAGING THE NEW ZEALAND ENVIRONMENT
Examine New Zealand's environmental management, from native species preservation to habitat restoration and sustainable tourism. Explore restoration projects and the influence of Maori culture on sustainability practices firsthand.



LEARN MORE ABOUT ACADEMIC TRAVEL AND EXPLORE OUR COURSES

WHY CHOOSE FRANKLIN?

Dual Accreditation
United States (MSCHE) & Switzerland* (AAQ)

Residential Campus
with 6 residence halls

350+ Students representing
55+ Countries
8K+ Alumni Community

Academic Travel
once a Semester for Experiential Learning

19 Majors
1 Master
(Master of Arts in Sustainability and Transformation)

Language
Programs fully taught in English

Small Class Sizes
with 16 students on average; 10:1 student-to-faculty ratio

Career-Ready Graduates
75% secure full-time employment within 6 months of graduating; 95% within 12 months



HOW TO APPLY

1. **Online Application**
   Apply online through our **website** or **Common App.**
2. **Academic Transcripts**
   Submit at least 3 years of High School transcripts.
3. **Personal Statement**
   Share what motivates you, the experiences that have shaped you, and the goals you hope to achieve.
4. **Recommendation Letter**
   The recommendation letter can come from a teacher, counselor, or other staff member who is well acquainted with your academic profile.
5. **English Proficiency (if required)**
   If your studies were not in English, submit a TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo.
6. **WELCOME TO FRANKLIN**

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Write to our counselors at **admissions@fus.edu** or visit **www.fus.edu**