

Continuation Policy for the Environmental Studies Major

While the University has regulations governing scholastic eligibility for continuance, Environmental Studies has adopted additional requirements in order to make the best use of the limited facilities and resources available and to provide reasonable assurance for academic success. The following will apply to all students in the Bachelor of Arts in Environment Studies program. Students are encouraged to frequently review their academic progress and may request an evaluation from the Undergraduate Program Coordinator.

Basic Criteria for Satisfactory Progress:

1. Students are expected to make satisfactory progress towards the attainment of the degree. Under normal circumstances, an Environmental Studies major attending full-time would be considered making satisfactory progress if s/he is taking on-program coursework each quarter after declaring the major. Lack of academic progress may be evidenced by low scholarship as well as excessive course repeats, course drops, or University withdrawals and cancellations.
2. Students must earn a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.0 in courses used to satisfy major requirements. A course may be repeated to satisfy this requirement. Courses used to satisfy major requirements cannot be taken on a satisfactory/non-satisfactory basis.
3. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00, and thereby avoid appearing on the University's Low Scholarship list.

Conditions Warranting Recommendation to Alter a Student's Standing:

Student performance is reviewed quarterly. If a student fails to meet the general expectations of satisfactory progress outlined above in any quarter in the program, the following action will be invoked. Students will be notified of academic warning, probation, or dismissal by email as soon as practicable after review of the grade reports. Failure to meet one or more of the general expectations of satisfactory progress may also result in the following actions:

Warning

The warning letter will be issued to Environmental Studies majors who do not meet the general expectations of satisfactory progress in the program. Students who receive the warning letter should meet with an adviser to discuss any difficulties impacting the student's academic performance and to resolve programs to avoid probation.

Probation for the Major

If, at the end of the quarter during which the student received the warning letter, the student fails to meet the general expectations of satisfactory progress, the student will be placed on probation. Once on probation, the student is required to meet with an adviser by the third week of the following quarter to develop an educational plan. Students are strongly advised to discuss with the adviser any special circumstances that may be affecting their academic performance so that these matters may be taken into consideration and timely assistance may be provided as appropriate.

Dismissal from the Major

The student will be dismissed from the Environmental Studies major if, while on probation, the student fails to communicate with an adviser or fails to meet one or more of the general expectations of satisfactory progress. The student will be notified in writing of the change in major status, and be coded as a pre-major or extended pre-major.

Appeal Procedures

A student who has been placed on probation or has been dismissed from the major and believes that some facts in the student's documentation have been overlooked or misinterpreted may request reconsideration of the probation or dismissal from the major by writing a letter to the Program Director of Environmental Studies. Included in the letter should be any additional information in support of the student or any other information that the student believes is relevant. In general, appeals to alter the student's status without evidence of new or additional information will not be considered. The letter and supporting material will be reviewed carefully and to determine whether or not academic probation should be considered for another quarter. The appeal must be made within 30 days of the notification of placement on probation or dismissal from the major.

Additional Resources

- University of Washington Satisfactory Progress (provide link)
- University of Washington Low Scholarship policies (provide link)