A Guide to the Environmental Engineering Minor

I. Environmental Engineering Minor

The Environmental Engineering minor is designed for students who wish to augment their major program of study with an exposure to engineering methods applied to key environmental problems facing modern society in developed and developing countries. The minor also provides students with a brief experience and understanding of the roles that environmental engineering methods play in solving environmental problems.

To enter the minor, students must be in good academic standing (2.0 grade-point average or better) and file a petition in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, 6426 Boelter Hall.

**Required Lower Division Course (4 units):** Mathematics 3C or 32A.

**Required Upper Division Courses (24 units minimum):** Civil and Environmental Engineering 153 and five courses from:

- Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences 104 (acceptable as substitute for C&EE 153, but not in addition to C&EE 153), 141**
- Civil and Environmental Engineering 110, 150, 151, 152, 154, 155, 156A, 156B, 157A, 157B, 157C, 157L, C159,163**, 164, M165, M166,
- Earth, Planetary, and Space Sciences 101, C113
- Environment M114, M134, M153, 157, 159, 166
- Environmental Health Sciences C125, C152D, C164

*Credit for both MECH&AE 105A and CH ENGR 102A will not be granted.
**Credit for both A&O SCI 141 and C&EE 163 will not be granted.
***Credit for both MECH&AE 82 and MATH 33B will not be granted.

A minimum of 20 upper division units applied toward the minor requirements must be in addition to units applied toward major requirements or another minor, and at least 16 units applied toward the minor must be taken in residence at UCLA. Transfer credit for any of the above is subject to departmental approval; consult the undergraduate counselors before enrolling in any courses for the minor.

Each minor course must be taken for a letter grade, and students must have a minimum grade of C (2.0) in each and an overall grade-point average of 2.0 or better. Successful completion of the minor is indicated on the transcript and diploma.

II. General Comments

- This minor was originally conceived as a component of the BS in Environmental Science, offered by the Institute of the Environment, but may be of interest to students from other programs.
• There are no prerequisite “traps” in the list of courses. The required course C&EE 153 has only a recommended prerequisite of MECH&AE 103, but more than a decade of experience has shown that students can achieve well in C&EE 153 without having taken MECH&AE 103. ENV HLT C125 and C164 do recommend additional chemistry courses.

• Unless the two-course limit on overlap between a major and a minor is lifted, students in HSSEAS majors can use this minor to satisfy only two of the TBR requirements in Civil and Environmental Engineering.

• The requirement for a minimum grade of C in each course may be appealed in the case of a C-, but generally not in the case of any D grade. Consideration of appeals in the case of a C- grade will take into account the student’s overall academic record.

III. Undergraduate Research Opportunities in Environmental Engineering

Students interested in participating in research in the area of environmental engineering are encouraged to directly contact the faculty instructors of the environmental engineering courses to see what research opportunities may be available.

IV. Graduate Study in Environmental Engineering

Students wishing to enter a graduate program in environmental engineering should plan to take several additional courses. The following are the required preparatory courses for admission to the Environmental Engineering Masters Degree program at UCLA: Chemistry and Biochemistry 20A, 20B, 20L; Mathematics 33B; Physics 1A/4AL, 1B; Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering 103, 105A. The Chemistry and Biochemistry 14 A/B/BL series, and the Physics 6 A/B series are also acceptable, but the Mathematics 3 A/B series does not lead to the differential equations course 33B, so students are advised to take the 31 A/B series. Note that MECH&AE 103 is an acceptable substitution for the Environmental Engineering Minor.

Environmental Engineering Masters degree programs at universities other than UCLA should have entrance requirements similar to those of UCLA, but students are encouraged to obtain information specific to the schools to which they plan to apply. Students interested in environmental engineering careers should also take the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam (previously called the Engineer-in-Training Exam) - see http://nC&EEs.org/exams/fe-exam. Students without an accredited Bachelors Degree can take this exam (in spite of what the web site implies). Once the Masters Degree is completed there is no issue about a non-engineering Bachelors Degree and students can eventually proC&EEd to obtain the Professional Engineers license.

V. Course Descriptions

ATMOSPHERIC AND OCEANIC SCIENCES (A&O SCI)

104. Fundamentals of Air and Water Pollution
Units: 4
Lecture, three hours; discussion, one hour. Requisite: Chemistry 14B or 20B. Chemistry and physics of air and water pollution, including photochemistry, acid rain, air pollution meteorology and dispersion, groundwater and surface water pollution, chemical cycling, air/water interface, global atmospheric change. Letter grading.
Introduction to Atmospheric Chemistry and Air Pollution
Units: 4

CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING (C&EE)

Introduction to Probability and Statistics for Engineers
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, one hour (when scheduled); outside study, seven hours. Requisites: Mathematics 32A, 33A. Recommended: course M20. Introduction to fundamental concepts and applications of probability and statistics in civil engineering, with focus on how these concepts are used in experimental design and sampling, data analysis, risk and reliability analysis, and project design under uncertainty. Topics include basic probability concepts, random variables and analytical probability distributions, functions of random variables, estimating parameters from observational data, regression, hypothesis testing, and Bayesian concepts. Letter grading.

Principles of Soil Mechanics
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, two hours; outside study, six hours. Requisite: course 108. Soil as foundation for structures and as material of construction. Soil formation, classification, physical and mechanical properties, soil compaction, earth pressures, consolidation, and shear strength. Letter grading.

Introduction to Hydrology
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, two hours; outside study, six hours. Enforced requisites: course M20 (or Computer Science 31), Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering 103. Study of hydrologic cycle and relevant atmospheric processes, water and energy balance, radiation, precipitation formation, infiltration, evaporation, vegetation transpiration, groundwater flow, storm runoff, and flood processes. Letter grading.

Introduction to Water Resources Engineering
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, two hours; outside study, six hours. Enforced requisites: course M20. Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering 103. Recommended: courses 103, 110. Principles of hydraulics, flow of water in open channels and pressure conduits, reservoirs and dams, hydraulic machinery, hydroelectric power. Introduction to system analysis and design applied to water resources engineering. Letter grading.

Hydraulic and Hydrologic Design
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, two hours; outside study, six hours. Enforced requisites: courses 150, 151. Analysis and design of hydraulic and hydrologic systems, including stormwater management systems, potable and recycled water distribution systems, wastewater collection systems, and constructed wetlands. Emphasis on practical design components, including reading/interpreting professional drawings and documents, environmental impact reports, permitting, agency coordination, and engineering ethics. Project-based course includes analysis of alternative designs, use of engineering economics, and preparation of written engineering reports. Letter grading.

Introduction to Environmental Engineering Science
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, one hour (when scheduled); outside study, seven hours. Recommended requisite: Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering 103. Water, air, and soil pollution: sources, transformations, effects, and processes for removal of contaminants. Water quality, water and wastewater treatment, waste disposal, air pollution, global environmental problems. Field trip. Letter grading.

Chemical Fate and Transport in Aquatic Environments
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; laboratory, four hours; outside study, six hours. Requisite: course 153. Fundamental physical, chemical, and biological principles governing movement and fate of chemicals in surface waters and groundwater. Topics include physical transport in various aquatic environments, air-water exchange, acid-base equilibria, oxidation-reduction chemistry, chemical sorption, biodegradation, and bioaccumulation. Practical quantitative problems solved considering both reaction and transport of chemicals in environment. Letter grading.

Unit Operations and Processes for Water and Wastewater Treatment
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, two hours; outside study, six hours. Requisite: course 153. Biological, chemical, and physical methods used to modify water quality. Fundamentals of phenomena governing design of engineered systems for water and wastewater treatment systems. Field trip. Letter grading.

Environmental Chemistry Laboratory
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; laboratory, four hours; outside study, four hours. Requisite: course 153 (may be taken concurrently). Chemistry 20A, 20B. Basic laboratory techniques in analytical chemistry related to water and wastewater analysis. Selected experiments include gravimetric analysis, titrimetry spectrophotometry, redox systems, pH and electrical conductivity. Concepts to be applied to analysis of real water samples in course 156B. Letter grading.

Environmental Engineering Unit Operations and Processes Laboratory
Units: 4
Lecture, two hours; laboratory, six hours; outside study, four hours. Requisites: Chemistry 20A, 20B. Characterization and analysis of typical natural waters and wastewaters for inorganic and organic constituents. Selected experiments include analysis of solids, nitrogen species, oxygen demand, and chlorine residual, that are used in unit operation experiments that include reactor dynamics, aeration, gas stripping, coagulation/flocculation, and membrane separation. Letter grading.

Hydrologic Modeling
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, two hours; outside study, six hours. Enforced requisite: course 150. Introduction to hydrologic modeling. Topics selected from areas of (1) open-channel flow, including one-dimensional steady flow and unsteady flow, (2) pipe flow and water distribution systems, (3) rainfall-runoff modeling, and (4) groundwater flow and contaminant transport modeling, with focus on use of industry and/or research standard models with locally relevant applications. Letter grading.

Design of Water Treatment Plants
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, two hours; outside study, six hours. Requisite: course 155. Water quality standards and regulations, overview of water treatment plants, design of unit operations, predesign of water treatment plants, hydraulics of plants, process control, and cost estimation. Letter grading.

Design of Water Treatment Plants
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, two hours; laboratory, four hours; outside study, four hours. Requisite: course 155. Water quality standards and regulations, overview of water treatment plants, design of unit operations, predesign of water treatment plants, hydraulics of plants, process control, and cost estimation. Letter grading.

Design of Wastewater Treatment Plants
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; outside study, eight hours. Requisite: course 155. Process design of wastewater treatment plants, including primary and secondary treatment, detailed design review of existing plants, process control, and economics. Letter grading.

Hydrologic Analysis
Units: 4
Lecture, two hours; laboratory, four hours; outside study, six hours. Requisite: course 150. Collection, compilation, and interpretation of data for quantification of components of hydrologic cycle, including precipitation, evaporation, infiltration, and runoff. Use of hydrologic variables and parameters for development, construction, and application of analytical models for selected problems in hydrology and water resources. Letter grading.
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING (CH ENGR)

100. Fundamentals of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, one hour; outside study, seven hours. Enforced requisites: Chemistry 20B, 20L (not enforced), Mathematics 32B (may be taken concurrently), Physics 1A. Introduction to analysis and design of industrial chemical processes. Material and energy balances. Introduction to programming in MATLAB. Letter grading.

101A. Transport Phenomena I
Units: 4

101B. Transport Phenomena II: Heat Transfer
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, one hour; outside study, seven hours. Enforced requisites: course 101A. Introduction to analysis of heat transfer in chemical, biological, materials, and molecular processes. Fundamentals of thermal energy transport, molecular-level heat transfer in gases, liquids, and solids, forced and free convection, radiation, and engineering analysis of heat transfer in process systems. Letter grading.

101C. Mass Transfer
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, one hour; outside study, seven hours. Enforced requisites: course 101B. Introduction to analysis of mass transfer in systems of interest to chemical engineering practice. Fundamentals of mass species transport, Fick law of diffusion, diffusion in chemically reacting flows, interphase mass transfer, multicomponent systems. Letter grading.

102A. Thermodynamics I
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, one hour; outside study, seven hours. Introduction to thermodynamics of chemical and biological processes. Work, energy, heat, and first law of thermodynamics. Second law, extremum principles, entropy, and free energy. Ideal and real gases, property evaluation. Thermodynamics of flow systems. Applications of first and second laws in biological processes and living organisms. Letter grading.

102B. Thermodynamics II
Units: 4

106. Chemical Reaction Engineering
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, one hour; outside study, seven hours. Enforced requisites: courses 100, 101C, 102B. Fundamentals of chemical kinetics and catalysis. Introduction to analysis and design of homogeneous and heterogeneous chemical reactors. Letter grading.

113. Air Pollution Engineering
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; preparation, two hours; outside study, six hours. Enforced requisites: courses 101C, 102B. Integrated approach to air pollution, including concentrations of atmospheric pollutants, air pollution standards, air pollution sources and control technology, and relationship of air quality to emission sources. Links air pollution to multimedia environmental assessment. Letter grading.

118. Multimedia Environmental Assessment
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, one hour; preparation, two hours; outside study, five hours. Recommended requisites: courses 101C, 102B. Pollutant sources, estimation of source releases, waste minimization, transport and fate of chemical pollutants in environment, intermediate transfers of pollutants, multimedia modeling of chemical partitioning in environment, exposure assessment and fundamentals of risk assessment, risk reduction strategies. Concurrently scheduled with course 218. Letter grading.
C119. Pollution Prevention for Chemical Processes
Units: 4

C140. Fundamentals of Aerosol Technology
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; outside study, eight hours. Enforced requisite: course 101C. Technology of particle/gas systems with applications to gas cleaning, commercial production of fine particles, and catalysis. Particle transport and deposition, optical properties, experimental methods, dynamics and control of particle formation processes. Concurrently scheduled with course C240. Letter grading.

EARTH, PLANETARY, AND SPACE SCIENCES (EPS SCI)

101. Earth's Energy: Diminishing Fossil Resources and Prospects for Sustainable Future
Units: 4
Lecture, three hours; laboratory, two hours; two optional field trips. Preparation: one lower division atmospheric sciences, chemistry, Earth sciences, or physics course. Not open for credit to students with credit for former course 101F. Earth's energy resources (fossil fuels and alternatives) from Earth science and sustainability perspective. P/NP or letter grading.

C113. Biological and Environmental Geochemistry
Units: 4
Lecture, three hours. Requisites: Chemistry 14A and 14B (or 20A and 20B), Mathematics 3A, 3B, and 3C (or 31A and 31B). Recommended: at least one lower division Earth, planetary, and space sciences course. Intended for junior/senior life and physical sciences students. Study of chemistry of Earth's surface environment and interplay between biology, human activity, and geology. Introduction to origin and composition of Earth, including atmosphere, crust, and hydrosphere. Examination of how these reservoirs are affected by biological cycles and feedbacks to biological evolution and diversity. Local and global-scale movements of biologically important elements like carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorus. Concurrently scheduled with course C213. P/NP or letter grading.

ENVIRONMENT (ENVIRON)

M114. Soil and Water Conservation
Units: 4
(Same as Geography M107.) Lecture, three hours; discussion, one hour. Enforced requisite: Geography 1 or 2 or Life Sciences 1 or 3. Designed for juniors/seniors. Systematic study of processes of and hazards posed by erosion, sedimentation, development, and pollution and techniques needed to conserve soil and maintain environmental quality. Scope includes agriculture, forestry, agriculture, and mining, and other rural uses of land. P/NP or letter grading.

M134. Environmental Economics
Units: 4
(Same as Economics M134.) Lecture, three hours. Requisites: Economics 41 or Statistics 12 or 13, and Economics 101 (may be waived with consent of instructor). Introduction to major ideas in natural resources and environmental economics, with emphasis on designing incentives to protect environment. Highlights important role of using empirical data to test hypotheses about pollution's causes and consequences. P/NP or letter grading.

M153. Introduction to Sustainable Architecture and Community Planning
Units: 4
(Same as Architecture and Urban Design CM153.) Lecture, three hours. Relationship of built environment to natural environment through whole systems approach, with focus on sustainable design of buildings and planning of communities. Emphasis on energy efficiency, renewable energy, and appropriate use of resources, including materials, water, and land. Letter grading.

157. Energy, Environment, and Development
Units: 4
Lecture, three hours. Requisites: Mathematics 3A and 3B (or 31A and 31B), Physics 1A and 1B (or 6A and 6B). Introduction to basic energy concepts and examination of role of various energy sources, energy conversion technologies, and energy policies in modern life. Analysis of implications of current patterns of energy production and consumption for future economic and environmental well-being. Integration of concepts and methods from physical and life sciences, engineering, environmental science, economics, and public policy. Basic quantitative skills provided to analyze and critique technical, economic, and policy choices to address challenge of balancing economic growth and environmental sustainability. P/NP or letter grading.

159. Life-Cycle Analysis of Sustainability Assessment
Units: 4
Lecture, three hours. Requisites: Mathematics 3A and 3B (or 31A and 31B). Public discourse about current patterns of production and consumption of energy, and goods and services more broadly, suggest such patterns are environmentally and economically unsustainable. Introduction to basic concept of life-cycle analysis (LCA), including analytical frameworks and quantitative techniques for systematically and holistically evaluating environmental trade-offs presented by different alternatives. Focus on methodology of LCA to compute various material inputs and environmental releases from all activities associated with life cycle (i.e., raw material extraction, processing, end use, and disposal of products or services). Discussion of strengths and limitations of LCA as tool for decision making. Students perform life-cycle analysis of one technology, product, or service of their choice. P/NP or letter grading.

166. Leadership in Water Management
Units: 4
Lecture, three hours; discussion, one hour. Limited to juniors/seniors. Examination of water quality and water supply issues, including interactions between scientific, technological, management, and policy issues. Invited experts, scholars, and practitioners discuss relevant issues such as pollution, climate change, and water infrastructure. Emphasis on solutions involving integrated water supply and wastewater systems. Leadership development through writing instruction and negotiations and media training. P/NP or letter grading.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES (ENV HLT)

C125. Atmospheric Transport and Transformations of Airborne Chemicals
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours. Preparation: one year of calculus, one course each in physics, organic chemistry, and physical chemistry. Designed for science, engineering, and public health students. Role of regional and long-range transport, and atmospheric lifetimes and fates of airborne chemicals in phenomena such as photochemical smog, acid deposition, stratospheric ozone depletion, accumulation of greenhouse gases, and regional and global distribution of volatile toxic compounds. Concurrently scheduled with course C225. P/NP or letter grading.

C152D. Properties and Measurement of Airborne Particles
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours. Preparation: one year each of chemistry, physics, and calculus. Basic theory and application of aerosol science to environmental health, including properties, behavior, sampling, and measurement of aerosols and quantitative problems. Concurrently scheduled with course C252D. P/NP or letter grading.

C164. Fate and Transport of Organic Chemicals in Aquatic Environment
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours. Recommended requisites: Chemistry 14A and 14B, or 20A and 20B. Evaluation of how and where and in what form and concentration organic pollutants are distributed in aquatic environments. Study of mass transport mechanisms moving organic chemicals between phases, biological degradation and accumulation, and chemical reactions. Effect of humic substances on these processes. Concurrently scheduled with course C264. P/NP or letter grading.
MECHANICAL AND AEROSPACE ENGINEERING (MECH&AE)

82. Mathematics of Engineering
Units: 4

103. Elementary Fluid Mechanics
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, two hours; outside study, six hours. Requisites: Mathematics 32B, 33A, Physics 1B. Introductory course dealing with application of principles of mechanics to flow of compressible and incompressible fluids. Letter grading.

105A. Introduction to Engineering Thermodynamics
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, two hours; outside study, six hours. Requisites: Chemistry 20B, Mathematics 32B. Phenomenological thermodynamics. Concepts of equilibrium, temperature, and reversibility. First law and concept of energy; second law and concept of entropy. Equations of state and thermodynamic properties. Engineering applications of these principles in analysis and design of closed and open systems. Letter grading.

105D. Transport Phenomena
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, two hours; outside study, six hours. Requisites: courses 82, 103, 105A. Transport phenomena; heat conduction, mass species diffusion, convective heat and mass transfer, and radiation. Engineering applications in thermal and environmental control. Letter grading.

105A. Intermediate Fluid Mechanics
Units: 4

C150G. Fluid Dynamics of Biological Systems
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; outside study, eight hours. Requisite: course 103. Mechanics of aquatic locomotion; insect and bird flight aerodynamics; pulsatile flow in circulatory system; rheology of blood; transport in microcirculation; role of fluid dynamics in arterial diseases. Concurrently scheduled with course C250G. Letter grading.

174. Probability and Its Applications to Risk, Reliability, and Quality Control
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, two hours; outside study, six hours. Requisite: Mathematics 33A. Introduction to probability theory; random variables, distributions, functions of random variables, models of failure of components, reliability, redundancy, complex systems, stress-strength models, fault tree analysis, statistical quality control by variables and by attributes, acceptance sampling. Letter grading.

182B. Mathematics of Engineering
Units: 4

182C. Numerical Methods for Engineering Applications
Units: 4
Lecture, four hours; discussion, one hour; outside study, seven hours. Enforced requisites: courses M20 (or Civil Engineering M20 or Computer Science 31), 82. Basic topics from numerical analysis having wide application in solution of practical engineering problems, computer arithmetic, and errors. Solution of linear and nonlinear systems. Algebraic eigenvalue problem. Least-square methods, numerical quadrature, and finite difference approximations. Numerical solution of initial and boundary value problems for ordinary and partial differential equations. Letter grading.