

BA-MS: ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL & URBAN GEOSCIENCES

Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating from this program will:

- be able to conduct an independent geospatial research project.
- be able to analyze and interpret environmental data.
- review ethics in research and career goals, conduct literature searches, and critically evaluate scholarly information
- assess and defend research findings through oral and written communication.

The School of Science and Engineering established the BA-MS program to offer students an opportunity to meet the full requirements of the existing BA and MS degree programs in a shorter time period than the separate degree programs by completing a B.A. degree within four years and then completing an M.S. degree in the fifth year.

- Students admitted to the program will receive the unit BA-MS Scholarship which will cover the difference between Graduate and Undergraduate tuition rates
- Students are required to maintain full-time undergraduate enrollment (minimum 12 hours/ semester)
- Must be continuously enrolled from BA to MS programs (must enter graduate program the semester following completion of BA degree requirements, summer excepted)
- Students are required to maintain full-time enrollment (minimum 9 hours/semester) in the graduate phase of the program and complete the master's degree within a year of their bachelor's degree completion to continue to receive the BA/MS Scholarship

Admission Requirements for BA-MS Program:

Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible:

- The GRE will be waived for students who meet the qualifications above and are planning to enroll in the BA-MS program
- Students must indicate their interest and apply to the program no later than the end of their junior year
- Students must complete 30 hours at UMKC prior to admission to the BA-MS program
- Students are expected to follow the recommended curriculum (although deviations are possible) and must maintain a UMKC cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher

This program offers students an opportunity to meet the full requirements of the existing BA and MS degree programs in a shorter time period than the separate degree programs by completing a B.A. degree in Environmental Studies within four years, and then completing an M.S. degree in Environmental and Urban Geosciences in their fifth year.

Requirements for Graduation

Credit Hour Requirements

The BA and MS program in Environmental Studies-Environmental and Urban Geosciences requires a minimum of the following:

- 120 Undergraduate Credit Hours
- 30 Graduate Credit Hours
- 143 Total Credit Hours (7 Hours of Overlap taken in Undergraduate Program).

For additional details, please contact our Department by e-mailing the School of Science and Engineering (sse@umkc.edu).

****To completed combined degree in 5 Years, students must have completed 127 applicable hours (including 6 graduate hours) in Year 4 as indicated below.**

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
GEOG 444		4 ENV-STDY 499WI	3
GEOG 448		4 GEOG 5597 or GEOLOGY 5597	3
GEOG/GEOLOGY 55XX Elective		3 UPD 432	3
General Elective 300 +		3 Environmental Studies 3XX/4XX Elective	3

	General Elective 3XX/4XX	3
	14	15
Total Credits: 29		