

Hollins University Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science

Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Environmental Science

TRANSFER GUIDE

Catalog Years: 2024-2025

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at Hollins		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT	SATISFIED BY			BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
First-Year Foundations	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation		Experiential Learning Requirement	8	Consult your advisor for selection
First Year Foundations	3	ENG 111 College Comp I		ES 262: Research Design and Methods for Environmental Issues	4	
Inquiry & Communication	3	ENG 112 College Comp II or ENG 113 Technical-Professional Writing		One field based ES upper level science course	4-6	Consult your advisor for selection
Creativity & Innovation	3	Any UCGS Art or Humanities	These two courses must come from two different clusters.	Three additional ES or affiliated upper level science courses	12-18	Consult your advisor for selection
Storytelling, Myths & Narratives	3	Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature		Stat 324- Data Wrangling in R	2	
Diversity, Justice, and Power	3	SOC 200, SOC 211, or SOC 268		Minor or Elective Opportunities	40-48	Consult your advisor Recommended options include Core courses that are a distinct element of an HU education: No Planet B (2 credits) Purpose (2 credits) Life Skills Toolkits (4 credits) Experiential Learning (credits vary) Conflict & Collaboration (P/F J-Term - 1st year course)
Storytelling, Myths & Narratives	3	Any UCGS History	History satisfies the same general education requirement as			

			Art, Humanities, and Literature. The credits earned still apply toward the degree.			
Thinking Like a Scientist	4	BIO 101 General Biology				
STAT 251	3	MTH 245 Statistics				
CHEM 101	4	CHM 111 General Chemistry I				
ES 105	4	ENV 121 Foundations of Env Science, GOL 105: Physical Geology, or GOL 110: Earth Systems: An Environmental Geology Perspective				
General Education ES 207 + 207L CHEM 102 + 102L	12	BIO 102 General Biology II BIO 270 General Ecology CHM 112 General Chemistry II				
ES 212	3	GIS 200 Geographical Information Systems I				
ES 104	3	HIGHLY RECOMMEND GEO 210: People and the Land, ENV 100: Basic Environmental Science; ENV 136: Survey of Environmental Concerns, or ENV 220 – Environmental Problems				
ES 261	3	BIO 285: Biological Problems in Contemporary Society, ENV 227 – Environmental Law				
General Education	4-7	MTH 161 as prerequisite, if needed	Additional science or other transfer electives can be taken to			

			meet the 60-62 credit requirement.			
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-62				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 78-80**		
** The B.S degree is 140 credits, and Hollins University employs a 4-credit system for most classes. 80 credits is 20 courses on average.						

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

Guaranteed Admission Agreement

By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission to Hollins University:

- Virginia Community College students (VCCS) graduating from transfer-oriented degree programs with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a four-point scale are [guaranteed admission](#).
- A GPA of 2.5 or higher on all college-level work is recommended for all students seeking to transfer to Hollins University.
- This policy applies for all undergraduate majors. All students declare a major after they arrive at Hollins.

Program Specific Benefits

By meeting the indicated criteria in addition to the GAA, students in this program receive the listed benefits:

- You will receive an Environmental Science faculty advisor from day one.

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- Hollins University Transfer Information: <https://www.hollins.edu/admission-aid/transfer-students/>
- Register Intent to Transfer: through College Connect at www.TransferVirginia.org
- Admission Application: Preferred admission deadlines: February 1 for fall term or November 15 for spring term matriculation; apply at <https://admissions.hollins.edu/apply/>
- Financial Aid: <https://www.hollins.edu/admission-aid/undergraduate-financial-aid-scholarships/>
- FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid: Apply at studentaid.gov

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered, complete your first math and English courses in your first year. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at www.TransferVirginia.org
- Connect with an advisor at your community college within your first year and your transfer counselor (transfer@hollins.edu) at Hollins University if you have questions regarding your transfer pathway. College Connect is available in your account at www.TransferVirginia.org
- If you cannot take all the suggested courses in the transfer guide, you should prioritize: CHEM 111/112 + labs; Bio 270 +labs; and courses that are equivalent to Hollins ES 104 & ES 105.

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Students in pursuit of their environmental science degree at Hollins will receive a holistic understanding of local, national, and global environmental issues with a firm grounding in the natural sciences, particularly in field-based research courses.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** Fulfills all Hollins general education requirements. Courses listed above satisfy Hollins major requirements.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** Dual enrollment courses may count toward general education requirements. Completion of an Associate Degree through dual enrollment does not automatically satisfy all general education requirements at Hollins, but all dual enrollment courses will be considered on an individual basis. Students who have not completed college credits after completing their high school degree must take Core 101: First-year Foundations and Core 102: Conflict and Collaboration at Hollins.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** Credit for prior learning, including CLEP examinations and AP and IB test scores will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for Hollins credit. Visit www.transfervirginia.org “Check All My Credits” to see how your prior learning will earn credit.)
- **Catalog Year:** Transfer students follow the requirements in the catalog year that they first enter Hollins but may elect to move to a later catalog if they wish.
- **Total Credits:** Typical semester courses at Hollins carry 4 credits, rather than 3 credits. This explains why credits completed at Hollins may be higher than those completed at the community college. This does not increase the number of courses required, nor the cost. For full-time students, Hollins bills per semester, not per credit. Typically, full time students take 16 to 20 credits at Hollins in one semester.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Known for its creative and highly engaged student body, Hollins University prides itself on its nationally recognized and award-winning undergraduate and graduate academic programs, its deeply committed alumnae/i network, its extraordinarily beautiful campus surrounded by the Blue Ridge Mountains, and its unique ability to ensure that each of its students can design a transformational college experience. Hollins is a small, close-knit community with fewer than 1,000 students, focused on holistic support for each student. The average class size is 12, and only women are admitted as undergraduate students. On-campus housing is guaranteed for undergraduates, and a scholarship of at least \$20,000 is guaranteed for transfer students. A \$2,000 scholarship is available for Phi Theta Kappa members. Top majors for transfer students include business, psychology and biology but all programs welcome transfer students. Hollins offers a 5-year Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program and offers a renowned English and creative writing program. We are a small community with big outcomes for students; more than 90% of recent graduates are employed or in graduate school within one year of graduation.
- Learn more about our college at www.TransferVirginia.org - Transfer Partners

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Completing your Associate transfer degree post-high school satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the chance of completing your bachelor's degree?
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college means you may have exhausted your financial aid at that college and have limited your future financial aid at Hollins University?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- Individuals who pursue an environmental science degree have a variety of job opportunities available including environmental technician, park ranger, land manager, water quality specialist, lab technician, science teacher, environmental lawyer.
- Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at www.TransferVirginia.org

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- Our students gain hands on experience in internships with state agencies (e.g. DEQ, Water Authority); federal agencies (e.g. George Washington National Forest; National Park Service); non-governmental organizations (e.g. Nature Conservancy; Southern Environmental Law Center; Atlanta Botanical Garden; Peace Boat).
- Hollins environmental studies majors can study abroad with the School for Field Study and get the best hands-on experience abroad in environmentally sensitive areas around the world including Kenya, Panama, Costa Rica, Australia to name a few. Courses taken in these semester long programs apply to your ES major.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- 89% of applicants applying for the fall 2022 cohort were admitted to Hollins University.

- Learn more about applying at www.TransferVirginia.org and <https://www.hollins.edu/admission-aid/transfer-students/>

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- 90% of recent graduates were employed, in graduate school or engaged in service within six months of graduation.
- Consider a minor or certificate that complements your major and extends your learning. See the complete list of offerings at www.hollins.edu/majors-and-minors

OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

- All Hollins students, other than Horizon students, complete two half-semester physical activity classes not for credit. Varsity athletes may count a sport for one of these requirements.
- Hollins courses are primarily taught on campus during the traditional workday.
- Environmental Science majors need to complete an internship (many do this during the January term or during the summer) or participate in a relevant experiential study abroad program (e.g. School for Field Studies, Ecuador January term travel course).