

# Hollins University Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies

## 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		ES 262: Research Design and Methods for Environmental Issues	4	
First Year Foundations	3	ENG 111 College Comp I		One upper level ES science course	4-6	Consult your advisor for selection
Inquiry & Communication	3	ENG 112 College Comp II or ENG 113 Technical-Professional Writing		Three upper level ES humanities or social science courses	12	Consult your advisor for selection
Creativity & Innovation	3	Any UCGS Art or Humanities		ES 470: Senior Seminar	4	
Storytelling, Myths & Narratives	3	Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature		Minor or Elective Opportunities	40-44	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)
Diversity, Justice, and Power	3	SOC 200, SOC 211, or SOC 268				
Storytelling, Myths & Narratives	3	Any UCGS History				

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	Select one of the following: ENV 121 Foundations of Env Science, GOL 105: Physical Geology, or GOL 110: Earth Systems: An Environmental Geology Perspective				
Elective ES 207 + 207L	8	Both courses required: BIO 102 General Biology II and BIO 270 General Ecology				
ES 212	3	GIS 200 Geographical Information Systems I				
ES 104	3	One of the following: 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 or ENV 227 – Environmental Law				
	8-11	Prerequisite courses as needed. Consider including MTH 161 or additional transfer electives				
<b>CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-62</b>				<b>CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 66-68</b>		

## 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 ES 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)
- Connect with an advisor at your community college within your first year and your transfer counselor ([transfer@hollins.edu](mailto: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](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)
- If you cannot take all of the suggested courses in the transfer guide, you should prioritize: 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 studies degree at Hollins will receive a holistic understanding of local, national, and global environmental issues with a firm grounding in the

social sciences. This field focuses on the interaction between human and natural systems and the connection between science and policy.

### 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](http://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](http://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?

- An Environmental Studies major prepares students for advanced studies in environmental policy, management, or law and for careers in the increasing number of public and private organizations and companies pursuing public policy, environmental and sustainability goals.
- Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://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](http://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](http://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.
- ES 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. SFS, Ecuador J-term travel course).