

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES (ENV)

ENV 103 - Earth Science

Credit Hours: 4, Contact Hours: 5

Division: Science Math

Designed for the student who does not intend to major in a physical science. Subject matter deals with features of the planet Earth, astronomy, and weather. The laboratory portion includes a practical study of rocks and minerals as well as a study of topographic, geologic and weather maps. Field trips investigate landforms in the Grand Traverse area. Group 1 lab course. Quantitative Reasoning.

Required Prerequisite(s): MTH 08 or equivalent

Recommended Prerequisite(s): ENG 111

Corequisites: ENV 103L

ENV 103L - Earth Science Lab

Credit Hours: 0, Contact Hours: 0

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See ENV 103 for course description.

Corequisites: ENV 103

ENV 104 - Life of the Past

Credit Hours: 4, Contact Hours: 5

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This course introduces students to the record of life on Earth. The roles of global change, origins, evolution, and extinction in life history are examined. Great Lakes and North American fossil records with Prepaleozoic microorganisms and Paleozoic invertebrates and vertebrates are highlighted. Appearance, evolution, and disappearance of dinosaurs during the Mesozoic Era, human evolution, and the recent demise of the giant Ice Age mammals are analyzed in depth. Laboratory and class activities are included. Group 1 lab course. Quantitative Reasoning.

Required Prerequisite(s): MTH 08 or equivalent

Recommended Prerequisite(s): ENG 111

Corequisites: ENV 104L

ENV 104L - Life of the Past Lab

Credit Hours: 0, Contact Hours: 0

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See ENV 104 for course description.

Corequisites: ENV 104

ENV 111 - Physical Geology

Credit Hours: 4, Contact Hours: 5

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This course explores processes which transform planet Earth. Landforms, minerals, rocks, and geologic structures are examined in classroom, laboratory, and field studies, which focus on these geologic processes, and on the techniques of geology. Lab studies apply the methodology and techniques of geology by introduction of map reading, field and map study, study of surficial processes, and study of minerals and rocks.

Group 1 lab course. Quantitative Reasoning.

Required Prerequisite(s): MTH 23 or equivalent

Recommended Prerequisite(s): ENG 111

Corequisites: ENV 111L

ENV 111L - Physical Geology Lab

Credit Hours: 0, Contact Hours: 0

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See ENV 111 for course description.

Corequisites: ENV 111

ENV 112 - Historical Geology

Credit Hours: 4, Contact Hours: 5

Division: Science Math

Rocks and fossils of North America, the Great Lakes and the Grand Traverse region which reveal the physical, chemical, and biological evolution of the planet Earth are explored in classroom, laboratory, and field studies (including a required 4-day field excursion to Elliot Lake, Ontario). Group 1 lab course. Quantitative Reasoning.

Recommended Prerequisite(s): ENV 103 or ENV 111 or GEO 105; ENG 111, MTH 111

Corequisites: ENV 112L

ENV 112L - Historical Geology Lab

Credit Hours: 0, Contact Hours: 0

Division: Science Math

See ENV 112 for course description.

Corequisites: ENV 112

ENV 117 - Meteorology & Climatology

Credit Hours: 4, Contact Hours: 5

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Designed to acquaint the student with the science and art of weather analysis, this course includes studies of the basic properties of gases, organization and composition of the atmosphere, basic energy flow, and general weather phenomena that result. Global climates are also investigated. The laboratory portion presents the function and effect of selected physical processes, and includes the use of weather instruments and weather maps. Group 1 lab course. Quantitative Reasoning.

Required Prerequisite(s): MTH 23

Recommended Prerequisite(s): ENG 111

Corequisites: ENV 117L

ENV 117L - Meteorology & Climatology Lab

Credit Hours: 0, Contact Hours: 0

Division: Science Math

See ENV 117 for course description. Co-req = ENV 117.

Corequisites: ENV 117

ENV 131 - Oceanography

Credit Hours: 4, Contact Hours: 5

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This course explores the origins, structure, and evolution of ocean basins and their role in global climate dynamics. It shall include an investigation of the physical properties that govern waves, currents, tides, air-sea interactions as well as the physical and chemical properties of seawater. It also explores plant and animal life within the oceans including impacts of human activities on the marine environment. Group 1 lab course. Quantitative Reasoning.

Required Prerequisite(s): MTH 23

Recommended Prerequisite(s): ENG 111

Corequisites: ENV 131L

ENV 131L - Oceanography Lab

Credit Hours: 0, Contact Hours: 0

Division: Science Math

See ENV 131 for course description.

Corequisites: ENV 131

ENV 140 - Watershed Science

Credit Hours: 4, Contact Hours: 5

Division: Science Math

This course is designed for the learner who wishes to gain an in-depth understanding of watersheds. It will focus on the physical and biological systems that are responsible for the quality and characteristics of a watershed. Human interactions, stewardship, management and impacts on our local water resources will also be explored. The laboratory portion of the course will place emphasis on field investigations and the analysis of data and water samples collected. Basic scientific principles will be incorporated throughout the course. Group 1 lab course. Quantitative Reasoning.

Recommended Prerequisite(s): ENG 111, MTH 111

Corequisites: ENV 140L

ENV 140L - Watershed Science Lab

Credit Hours: 0, Contact Hours: 0

Division: Science Math

See ENV 140 for course description.

Corequisites: ENV 140

ENV 270A - Michigan Basin Geology

Credit Hours: 2, Contact Hours: 3

Division: Science Math

This course is a six-day field study of the Michigan Basin. The class focuses on the Paleozoic geologic history, fossil record, and economic geology of the lower Peninsula and eastern Upper Peninsula. The relationships of bedrock layers to recent surficial geologic processes and their associated landforms will be explored. Group 1 course. Communications - Direct.

Required Prerequisite(s): Completion of any science course with laboratory and instructor permission

Recommended Prerequisite(s): ENG 111, MTH 23

ENV 270B - Field Mapping Techniques

Credit Hours: 2, Contact Hours: 3

Division: Science Math

This course is a one-week field course. It will focus on the fundamentals of map interpretation and generation. Students will gain a basic understanding of the principles of cartography and field mapping techniques employed by various disciplines in the acquisition of spatial data. Group 1 course. Quantitative Reasoning.

Required Prerequisite(s): MTH 23, instructor permission required

Recommended Prerequisite(s): ENG 111, completion of any Science course with laboratory

ENV 270C - Precambrian Geology of MI

Credit Hours: 2, Contact Hours: 3

Division: Science Math

This course is a six-day field study of the Precambrian geology of the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The class will focus on rock and mineral identification, economic geology, and the geologic history of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The relationships of ancient bedrock layers to recent surficial geologic processes and their associated landforms will also be explored. Group 1 course. Communications - Direct.

Required Prerequisite(s): Completion of any science course with laboratory and instructor permission

Recommended Prerequisite(s): ENG 111, MTH 23