If you want to understand the complex, and often conflicting, interrelationships between human societies and environments, and learn about ways to address some of society’s most intractable environmental issues, include this major in your Bachelor of Arts degree.

You will have the opportunity to gain an understanding of environmental topics from multiple scientific paradigms, as well as being exposed to different policy and economic approaches to environmental management.

Courses from a diverse range of disciplines including sociology, biological anthropology, development studies, environmental policy, geography, human ecology, and sustainability science are available to give you the broad perspective needed to tackle intricate environmental challenges.

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### Environmental Studies at ANU
ANU is ranked number 22 in the world for environmental studies.¹ The University also has the highest possible ERA rating in Environmental Science.² Students who include the Environmental Studies major in their Bachelor of Arts degree receive a world-class education and an internationally recognised degree from thought leaders in this internationally important field of study.
The variety of courses offered in this major meant I could complete courses that focused on physical sciences, as well as others that looked at environmental topics from a social science perspective.

The Environmental Studies major combines both policy and scientific approaches to the study of the environment. It addresses the needs of local, national, and international organisations by linking policy makers and the public to the University’s world-leading experts in environment, sustainability and climate change research and education. Environmental Studies students learn to:

- Comprehensively define current Australian and global environmental issues and complex socio-cultural environment relationships
- Critically assess the intricate relationship between human cultures and societies, the institutions, economic and political paradigms that characterise them, and their impacts on the natural environment
- Critique ongoing developments in current global and Australian environmental thinking and evolving perspectives on society environment relationships and sustainability.

Flexible Double Degree
The Bachelor of Arts can be combined with degrees in Law, Business or Science as part of the ANU Flexible Double Degree program. For a full list of degree combinations see anu.edu.au/study/study-options/flexible-double

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1 QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019.
2 Excellence in Research Australia (ERA) Ratings 2018.