

PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Between

Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC)

Associate of Arts, Pre-Environmental and Sustainability Studies, A.A.

and

Grand Valley State University (GVSU)

Bachelor of Arts/Science, Environmental and Sustainability Studies, B.A./B.S.

Program Agreement

This Program Agreement shall commence as of August 1, 2025. This Program Agreement shall adhere to all of the terms contained within the current Institutional Agreement between Grand Rapids Community College and Grand Valley State University. This Program Agreement shall further adhere to the terms of any amendments to the Institutional Agreement unless stated therein or otherwise agreed upon in writing by the parties.

Grand Valley State University agrees to accept GRCC courses outlined in this Program Agreement and apply those courses toward the Environmental and Sustainability Studies degree program at GVSU for any GRCC student covered by this Program Agreement at the time of any revisions, updates, or amendments to the GVSU program.

I. GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (60 credits)

GRCC Course	GRCC Course Title	GVSU Equivalent	Transfer Credit Hours
Core courses required for all Environmental and Sustainability Studies students			
EN 101	English Composition I	WRT Gen. Cr	3
EN 102	English Composition II	WRT 150	3
HS 260	History of Michigan	HST 323	3
Humanities MTA* (Select 1 other than HS)	Varies	Humanities MTA	Varies
Social Sciences MTA* (Select 2 different disciplines)	Varies	Social Sciences MTA	Varies
BI 118	Environmental Science	BIO 105	3
GE 132	Physical Geography	GPY 100	3

MA 215	Statistics	STA 215	3
Program Courses			
ENS 201	Intro to Env & Sust Studies	ENS 201	3
GE 140	Geography of Michigan	GPY 345	3
SW 150	Intro Social Welfare	SW 150	3
Program Elective - Select 1			
GE 275 or PO 101 or EN 249 or BA 201	Intro to Geospatial Tech-GIS Photography I Technical Writing Business Communication	GPY 307 PHO 170 WRT 200 WRT 350	3-4
Open Electives to reach 60 credits - Select courses based on GVSU requirements and options. The following GRCC Courses are recommended Open Electives.			
Geographic Information Science (GIS) and Technology Electives			
GE 275	Intro to Geospatial Tech-GIS (If not taken above)	GPY 307	4
GE 277 or CIS 116 or CIS 123 or CIS 125	GIS Applications in Community Geography and Urban Planning Introduction to Computer Programming Computer Science I Visual Basic Programming	GPY 385 CIS 160 CIS 160 CIS 160	3-4
Intercultural Communications Electives			
BA 201	Business Communication (If not taken above)	WRT 350	3
COM 236	Intercultural Communication	COM 378	3
Sustainable Food Systems Electives			
CA 111	Restaurant Sanitation and Safety	HTM 201	3
GH 200	Basic Nutrition	BMS 105	3
Additional Recommended Electives			
Open Elective	Varies	Global Perspectives Course (If not taken above)	Varies
Open Elective	Varies	U.S. Diversity Course (If not taken above)	Varies
Open Elective	Varies	Foreign Language Courses (For B.A. degree option)	4-12
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS			60 CREDIT HOURS AT GRCC
*Optional selection of GVSU US Diversity and/or Global Perspectives Course. Please see an advisor for assistance in making selections.			

II. GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY, BACHELOR OF ARTS/SCIENCE (120 credits)

GVSU Course	GVSU Course Title	GVSU Credit Hours
Required Courses		
ENS 300	Principles of Sustainability	3
ENS 301	Methods for Interdisciplinary Environmental and Sustainability Studies	3
Political & Economic Perspectives Course	Varies (Select 1)	3
ENS 401	Environmental Problem Solving	3
ENS 490 or ENS 491	Internship Practicum	1-6
Focus Area Courses	Varies	Varies
General Education Global Perspectives Course (If not taken at GRCC)	Varies	Varies
General Education U.S. Diversity Course (If not taken at GRCC)	Varies	Varies
General Education Issues Courses (Select 2 different disciplines)	Varies	Varies
Select B.S. or B.A. degree		
B.A. Requirements		
Foreign Language Courses (If not taken at GRCC)	Varies	12
B.S. Requirements		
ENS 301	Methods for Interdisciplinary Environmental and Sustainability Studies	Taken above
Quantitative or Qualitative Skills Course (If not taken at GRCC)	Varies	3-4
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		60 CREDIT HRS AT GVSU

TOTAL CREDITS (I - II)

60 GRCC Credits

60 GVSU Credits

120 Total Credits

In What Order Should Students Take Classes?

Students begin by selecting courses from the Priority I list. Students select courses based on the number of credits they are taking in the semester, for example, if they are a part time student they do not have to take all of the courses listed. If students are unable to schedule Priority I courses, they move to and select from the list of Priority II, Priority III, and Priority IV courses.

Courses at GRCC	
Priority I <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EN 101• ENS 201• HS 260• Elective• Elective	Priority II <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EN 102• GE 132• Foreign Language or Humanities MTA• BI 118• Elective
Priority III <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GE 140• Social Sciences MTA• MA 215• Elective• Elective	Priority IV <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SW 150• Social Sciences MTA• Program Elective Course• Elective• Elective
Courses at GVSU	
Priority I <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ENS 300• Political & Economic Perspectives Course• Focus Area Course• Foreign Language Course or Quantitative/Qualitative Skills Course• Elective	Priority II <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ENS 301• Focus Area Course• Foreign Language Course or Elective• Elective• Elective
Priority III <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ENS 401• Focus Area Course or Elective• Foreign Language Course or Elective• Elective• Elective	Priority IV <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ENS 490 or ENS 491• Elective• Elective• Elective• Elective

If a GRCC student is covered by this Agreement at the time when the GVSU program is revised and/or updated, GVSU agrees to accept GRCC courses outlined in the Agreement and apply those courses toward the Environmental and Sustainability Studies degree program at GVSU.

Transfers from Michigan Community Colleges

Grand Valley State University is a member of the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (MACRAO), which has formulated an agreement between two-year and four-year institutions. Students who transfer to Grand Valley State University and have fulfilled the MACRAO transfer agreement or the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) through a Michigan public community college have satisfied the Foundations categories of the General Education Program and one Supplemental Writing Skills (SWS) course. However, transfer

students with a MACRAO or MTA will still need to complete the following requirements: one SWS course in their major or division, the General Education Program two-course Cultures requirement, and the two-course Issues requirement. For specific course information, please refer to www.gvsu.edu/gened/

Bachelor's Degree Requirements at GVSU

The following requirements apply to all undergraduate degree-seeking students:

1. A minimum of 120 semester hours
2. A cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 GPA.
3. Graduation major GPA of at least 2.00.
4. General education requirements
5. Capstone course is ENS 490 or ENS 491
6. The last 30 semester hours toward a baccalaureate degree must be earned in Grand Valley courses
7. A minimum of 58 semester hours must be earned at a senior (4 yr) institution
8. A minimum of 12 Grand Valley State University earned semester hours must be included in the major (six for a minor)

Advising Notes:

- EN 102 – English Composition II – must be graded at a “C” or above to receive specific WRT 150 credit in transfer.
- All General Education Issues courses must be taken at GVSU.
- Students must choose one focus area to pursue in the Environmental and Sustainability Studies major. Focus areas should be chosen based on career and/or post-baccalaureate interests.
- It is the responsibility of the students to confirm transferability of courses with the receiving institution.

Signatures

Grand Valley State University

By:

Jennifer Drake, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for
Academic Affairs

Date: _____

Mark Schaub, Ph.D.
Dean, Brooks College of Interdisciplinary
Studies

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Grand Rapids Community College

By:

Sheila Jones, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice
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Date: _____

*Please Note: The signed version of the document is kept on file in the GRCC Instructional Support Office. For more information, please contact the Director of Transfer & Articulation Services at 616-234-3183.