ENVS 450: Environmental Law & Policy: Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR)

STUDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO TAKE ENVS 450 EARLY IN THE MAJOR.

Prerequisites

1. Pass ENVS 130: Introduction to Environmental Studies with a grade of C or better.
2. Complete the Written Communications GE requirement (English 114 or equivalent).

After Registering for ENVS 450

The instructor will check to see that you have satisfied the prerequisites. Students who have not taken ENVS 130 and received a C or better will be dropped from the course. You should not register for ENVS 450 until you’ve completed your lower division GE, including the English requirement (114 or Stretch English). The easiest way to demonstrate you have met the prerequisite is to show the instructor your Degree Progress Report (DPR) indicating that the lower division Written Communications requirement has been satisfied. For a list of ways to satisfy this requirement, see the [bulletin](http://www.sfsu.edu/~bulletin/current/ge.htm#15022).

Grading for ENVS 450 is on a No Credit, C, C+, B-,B,B+,A-, A basis. The only grade less than a C is No Credit. Students receiving a No Credit grade receive neither the GWAR credit or credit for the course, and must retake ENVS 450.

**What is the GWAR writing requirement?**

In 2009, SFSU began to phase out the requirement that students take upper-division English composition courses, and shifted upper-division writing instruction to content courses. Each program on campus was asked to designate one or more content courses as a GWAR course or courses in which writing instruction would accompany other course content. ENVS chose ENVS 450 as our GWAR course, which teaches Environmental Law and Policy along with, and through, intensive writing. If you took an environmental law and policy course at a university other than SFSU, you will still need to take ENVS 450 or another GWAR course at SFSU.

WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE ENVS 450 EARLY ON IN THE MAJOR. (Note that passing ENVS 139 with a grade of C or better is now a prerequisite for ENVS 450.)