

M.A. Environmental Studies Concentration

The Graduate Concentration in Environmental Studies at the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies allows students in the master's program to study Latin America's diverse environments and the problems facing their sustainable management. Students from a wide array of backgrounds will be able to take advantage of the concentration to take courses in participating environmental disciplines. This program is an interdisciplinary initiative including Anthropology, the LBJ School of Public Affairs, Geography, Integrative Biology, Zoology, Community and Regional Planning, and Sociology, in which the Department of Geography will play a leading role.

The Environmental Studies Concentration at the Teresa Long Institute of Latin American Studies seeks to provide students with the opportunity to study and research environmental processes and issues as related to Latin America, through taking course work in participating environmental disciplines, and writing an M.A. thesis on an environmental studies topic.

Admission

Candidates may apply to the Environmental Studies Concentration at any point in their graduate study. Each candidate must be in good standing at the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies. The concentration is open to all, although space in some courses may be limited and not all courses will be offered in a given year.

Course and Semester Hour Requirements

It is anticipated that any student who enrolls in the Environmental Concentration can complete her or his course of study for the degree of Master of Arts in Latin American Studies in the same amount of time that should have been required for the degree alone.

Students must complete at least five courses for 15 credit hours. Students are encouraged to develop a list of courses unique to their own program of work. No more than two courses may be taken as an independent study to fulfill this requirement.

Students must take at least one course in basic environmental science, in environmental methods and techniques (including internships or field study), and human–environment relations.

The Graduate Course List for Environmental Studies Concentrations that have both environmental and Latin American content may be used to

meet the requirements of the concentration. NOTE: These courses change. For the most recent list, see the graduate adviser or concentration adviser.

One upper-level undergraduate course may count as one of the five required concentration courses if the student has arranged with the instructor to take the course as a graduate independent study.

Each master's thesis (LAS 698A+LAS 698B) should be completed under the direction of a faculty member affiliated with the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies who has environmental expertise, as established by the concentration committee.