# Bachelor of Arts in Earth Sciences Roadmap

120 Total Units Required  
Minimum Number of Units in the Major: 49

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#### Total Units

120-122

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1. To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended that you meet **LLD and SF State Studies** requirements (AERM, GP, ES, SJ) within your GE or major.

2. ENG 114 can only be taken if you complete Directed Self-Placement (DSP) and select ENG 114; if you choose ENG 104/ENG 105 through DSP you will satisfy A2 upon successful completion of ENG 105 in the second semester; multilingual students may be advised into alternative English courses.

3. **Complementary Studies**

   Students in all Bachelor of Arts programs at SF State must complete at least twelve units of complementary studies, comprising coursework with a prefix outside of the primary prefix for the major. (For the B.A. program in Earth Sciences, that prefix is ERTH.) Students who complete the Earth Sciences BA program will have met the Complementary Studies requirement automatically by completing the mathematics, physics, and chemistry coursework required for the degree.

   Transfer students who have earned AA-T or AS-T degrees and are pursuing a similar B.A. degree at SF State are required to fulfill Complementary Studies requirements for their major only if these courses are included in the minimum units required for the major.

4. **Major Elective**

   Select at least 19 units of Earth & Climate Sciences (ERTH) or closely related course work, with a coherent theme approved by a Department of Earth & Climate Sciences advisor. At least 15 elective units must come from upper-division course work. At least 11 elective units must come from ERTH courses. No more than 4 of the 19 elective units can come from courses designed primarily to satisfy General Education requirements (such as 100 and 300 level ERTH courses).