



A Course of Study for

RECYCLING AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Recycling and Resource Management is among the largest and most rapidly growing industries in America. As more cities and businesses develop sustainability and zero waste policies, the need increases for personnel who can properly manage resource use and recycling. The Recycling and Resource Management curriculum emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach, exploring recycling and resource management from a variety of perspectives and in a variety of settings. Core curriculum will provide students with an in-depth study of waste diversion and resource management, emphasizing cultural, community, and business applications. Courses cover governmental and organizational policies, practices, and procedures in waste and resource management, including best management practices and successful community and educational zero waste programs.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

- Recycling and Resource Management Associate Degree (18 units)
- Recycling and Resource Management Certificate of Achievement (18 units)
- Recycling and Zero Waste Department Certificate (12 units)

ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

An Associate degree is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) and a minimum of **60 degree applicable semester units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of at least 50% of area of emphasis units at Santa Monica College;
- Completion of one of the following general education patterns: SMC GE, CSU GE, or IGETC;
- Completion of the SMC Global Citizenship graduation requirement.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

A Certificate of Achievement is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) and a **designated minimum number of units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of at least 50% of area of emphasis units at Santa Monica College;

DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

A Department Certificate is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a **designated minimum number of units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of at least 50% of area of emphasis units at Santa Monica College;

Note: Department Certificates are not noted on student transcripts. Students must submit a petition to the relevant academic department to be awarded a Department Certificate.

CATALOG RIGHTS

A student may satisfy the requirements of a degree that were in effect at any time of the student's **continuous** enrollment. Continuous enrollment is defined as enrolment in consecutive Fall and Spring semesters until completion.

RECYCLING AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the program, students will demonstrate the ability to plan, implement, and oversee waste management programs aimed at implementing Zero Waste principles and sustainability practices for individuals, businesses, and the communities. Additionally, students will demonstrate the ability to write proposals and policy using correct terminology, principles, and California legislation and regulations regarding waste, recycling, sustainable resource management, and Zero Waste systems.

AREA OF EMPHASIS: (18 UNITS)

Required Courses: (12 units)

RRM 1, Introduction to Recycling and Resource Management (3)

RRM 2, Culture and Zero Waste (3)

RRM 3, Resource Management and Zero Waste for Communities (3)

RRM 4, Resource Management and Zero Waste for Business (3)

Select courses from the following: (6 units)

BIOL 9, Environmental Biology (3)

COUNS 16, Job Success Skills (1) **and** **COUNS 90B**, General Internship (2)

or

COUNS 90C, General Internship (3) *(with permission of Earth Science department chair)*

GEOG 7, Introduction to Environmental Geography (3) *(same as ENVRN 7)*

PHILOS 20, Environmental Ethics (3) *(same as ENVRN 20)*

POL SC 22, Environmental Politics (3) *(same as ENVRN 22)*

PSYCH 40, Environmental Psychology (3) *(same as ENVRN 40)*

RECYCLING AND ZERO WASTE, DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATE

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AREA OF EMPHASIS: (12 UNITS)

Required Courses (12 units)

RRM 1, Introduction to Recycling and Resource Management (3)

RRM 2, Culture and Zero Waste (3)

RRM 3, Resource Management and Zero Waste for Communities (3)

RRM 4, Resource Management and Zero Waste for Business (3)

NOTE: Golden West and Irvine Valley also offer a certificate in this area of study. The courses will be accepted at each institution in the manner shown on the chart below:

TITLE	SANTA MONICA COLLEGE	IRVINE VALLEY COLLEGE	GOLDEN WEST COLLEGE
Introduction to Recycling & Resource Management	RRM 1	ENV 180	ENVS-G 141
Culture & Zero Waste	RRM 2	ENV 185	ENVS-G 142
Resource Management & Zero Waste for Communities	RRM 3	ENV 190	ENVS-G 144
Resource Management & Zero Waste Business	RRM 4	ENV 195	ENVS-G 143