The ENV major requires a methodology course in the track of the depth component. This methodology course is specifically intended to support the capstone project. Therefore, students should complete the methodology course by the end of the junior year. Students who do not complete an appropriate and relevant methodology course by the end of the junior year will be at a significant disadvantage in undertaking the capstone project in the senior year.

In order to choose the most appropriate methodology course, students should have regular conversations with their ENV major adviser and other ENV professors. They should also consult the ENV major adviser and other ENV professors about the most appropriate methodology course. This course is the basis for the main research for the capstone project; these research plans should have been conducted in collaboration with the ENV major adviser and other ENV professors. If the main research for the capstone project involves interviews, then a methodology course is not the most appropriate methodology course.

Study abroad and other transfer courses: If the main research for the capstone project involves interviews, then a methodology course is not the most appropriate methodology course. These courses can be considered for the major, but must first be given Davidson College credit from the Registrar’s office, then approved for the major by the ENV chair.