

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES - MINOR

The minor in environmental studies provides students with an understanding of the multiple dimensions of environmental change. They take a coursework that represents the essence of the major, providing foundational knowledge of concepts and methods that relate to environmental natural and social sciences and the humanities. The minor empowers students to explore how their core area of study (i.e., their major) relates to scientific understanding of human-environment interactions, practical responses to environmental problems and values that shape human decisions and behavior.

Requirements

A minimum of 20 credit hours of Environmental Studies courses (ENVS), including a minimum of 9 upper-division credit hours, are required for the minor. All coursework applied to the minor must be completed with a grade of C- or better; no pass/fail work may be applied. The grade point average for all Environmental Studies coursework must equal 2.00 (C) or higher.

Students will be allowed to apply no more than 9 credit hours, including 6 upper-division credit hours, of transfer work towards a minor in Environmental Studies.

Coursework applied towards a minor in Environmental Studies can also be applied towards Gen. Ed. requirements.

Required Courses and Credits

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ENVS 1000	Introduction to Environmental Studies	4
ENVS 1001	Introduction to Human Dimensions of Environmental Studies	4
<i>Intermediate Social Science Courses</i>		3-4
Choose one:		
ENVS 3022	Climate and Energy Justice	
ENVS 3030	Topics in Environmental Social Sciences	
ENVS 3031	Environmental Psychology	
ENVS 3032	Environment, Media and Society	
ENVS 3033	Governing the Environment	
ENVS 3034	Foundations of Environmental Justice	
<i>Cornerstone Courses</i>		3
Choose one:		
ENVS 3520	Energy and Climate Change: An Interdisciplinary Approach	
ENVS 3525	Intermediate Environmental Problem Analysis: Topical Cornerstones	
ENVS 3555	Sustainable Economies	
ENVS 3621	Energy Policy and Society	
<i>Minor Electives</i>		6
(ENVS courses not used to fill any of the requirements above.)		
Take any 3- or 4-credit ENVS courses at the 2000-level or above		

Take any 3- or 4-credit Upper-division ENVS course

Total Credit Hours 20-21

Plan(s) of Study

Year One		
Fall Semester		Credit Hours
ENVS 1000	Introduction to Environmental Studies	4
Credit Hours		4
Spring Semester		
ENVS 1001	Introduction to Human Dimensions of Environmental Studies	4
Credit Hours		4
Year Three		
Fall Semester		
Intermediate Social Science ENVS course		3-4
Credit Hours		3-4
Spring Semester		
Cornerstone ENVS course		3-4
Credit Hours		3-4
Year Four		
Fall Semester		
ENVS Elective course		3-4
Credit Hours		3-4
Spring Semester		
ENVS Elective course		3-4
Credit Hours		3-4
Total Credit Hours		20-24

Learning Outcomes

By the completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Integrate scientific principles of earth systems and human-environment interactions, understanding of perspectives and values, and practical responses in the study of environmental problems and proposed solutions.
- Evaluate different sources, claims and data for environmental topics and construct their own arguments.
- Produce an independent research-based analysis of an environmental issue.
- Evaluate contrasting perspectives on and values for environmental issues.
- Generate effective communication about environmental topics in written and oral format.
- Evaluate how environmental movements, policies, decision-making processes, benefits, information and burdens are shaped by and influence systems of exploitation and inequality.