

## The Academic Minor

Many departments have designed academic minors for the convenience of undergraduate students.

A minor is a structured group of courses that leads to considerable knowledge and understanding of a subject, although with less depth than a major. Some employers consider minors desirable, and the corresponding major requirements at the University may stipulate a minor. Some students choose to complement their major program with a minor in a related field or even in an entirely different field of interest. Students interested in pursuing an academic minor should contact their college dean's office and the department responsible for the minor program for guidance and advising.

**Please note that undergraduate students can only complete a minor *in addition to and as a complement to a major*. The University does not award stand-alone minors.**

## Minor in Environmental and Sustainability Studies

Environmental considerations permeate almost every facet of modern life, and concern for "the environment" is practically universal as we approach the twenty-first century. The minor in Environmental and Sustainability Studies is designed to provide students with the opportunity to become conversant in a range of environmental topics, whether as private citizens in their daily lives or as professional members of corporate, government, legal, medical, and educational circles.

The minor draws on topics and perspectives from the natural and physical sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities to underscore the interdisciplinary nature of environmental issues and problems. Students taking the minor are encouraged to integrate the program with their major study focus in order to gain a competitive advantage in grappling with environmental topics.

The minor in Environmental and Sustainability Studies requires 21 hours of course work including the following:

ENS 201 Environmental and Sustainability Studies I: Humanities and Social Sciences .....	3
ENS 202 Environmental and Sustainability Studies II Natural Science and Policy .....	3
PHI 336 Environmental Ethics .....	3

plus one course from the following:

ENG 425 Environmental Writing .....	3
WRD 304 Writing in the Social Sciences .....	3
WRD 305 Writing Public Science .....	3
WRD 310 Writing in the Natural Sciences .....	3

plus **three** credit hours from each of the ENS Areas of Expertise:

Economics, Environment, Society .....	9
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### Economics

AEC 302, AEC 303, AEC 305, AEC 324, AEC 326, AEC 445G, AEC 479, AEC 483, AEC 532, AEC 545, ANT 225, ANT 311, ANT 322, ANT 338, ANT 340, ECO 201, ECO 202, ECO 327 or MA 327, ECO 365, ECO 370, ECO 381, ECO 401, ECO 410, ECO 450G, ECO 473G, ENS 300, ENS 395, ENS 399, FOR 280, FOR 325, GEO 235, GEO 255, GEO 285, GEO 309, GEO 316, GEO 365, GEO 431, GEO 442G, GEO 455, NRE 201, NRE 381, STA 320

### Environment

ANT 230, ANT 240, ANT 241, ANT 242, ANT 351, ANT 353, ANT 375, BIO 303, BIO 310, BIO 325, BIO 375, CHE 565, CPH 310, DHN 318, EES 220, EES 341, EES 345, EES 360, EES 385, EGR 240, ENS 300, ENS 395, ENS 399, FOR 219, FOR 240, FOR 435, GEO 230, GEO 235, GEO 261, GEO 305, GEO 309, GEO 331, GEO 351, GEO 362, GEO 365, GEO 419, GEO 530, GEO 531, HIS 351, ID 362, NRE 365, PLS 210, PLS 366, PLS 390 or SAG 390, WRD 401

### Society

AAS 235 or SOC 235, AAS 400, AAS 471 or PS 471, ANT 221, ANT 225, ANT 245, ANT 251, ANT 302, ANT 303, ANT 324, ANT 326, ANT 330, ANT 342, ANT 352, ANT 525, ANT 536, APP 200, ARC 314, ARC 315, CPH 201, ENS 300, ENS 395, ENS 399, ENS 400, GEO 309, GEO 323, GEO 328 or AAS 328, GEO 331, GEO 361, GEO 365, GEO 372, GEO 431, GEO 585 or FAM 585 or GRN 585, GRN 250, GWS 250, GWS 350, GWS 430, HIS 240, LA 205, PHI 205, PHI 332, PHI 335, PS 391, SAG 310, SOC 302, SOC 303, SOC 350, SOC 360, SOC 363, SOC 380, SOC 420, SOC 517, SW 325, WRD 410

Alternative elective courses may be approved by the Environmental and Sustainability Studies Program Director.

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