

The minor in Society and Environmental Issues is designed to introduce students to the diverse human dimensions surrounding environmental issues, specifically the role of individuals, communities, and political institutions in developing and maintaining long-term environmental quality in the face of increasing human demands on resources and the environment. Students will develop a basic understanding of both human and natural systems through the required core coursework, as well as have the opportunity to select courses that deepen their understanding in a particular human dimension of interest.

In general, the minor is meant to be broadly applicable to those students interested in gaining specific knowledge and experience about humans and environmental problems in order to increase their marketability in a world where the interaction between humans and the environment is being recognized as increasingly important. The minor is useful for students majoring in the humanities and traditional social science disciplines across the University (e.g., psychology, sociology, communications, etc.) who may also be interested in studying specific environmental issues and gaining a greater understanding of how human systems play a role in creating and remediating environmental problems. This minor is also useful for those students majoring in disciplines closely associated with the biological and physical sciences (e.g., geology, chemistry, etc.) to add an understanding of the interplay between the environment and human systems to the in-depth understanding of natural systems and processes gained from their own major.

**A total of 15 semester hours are required for the minor**

Course number	Course Title	Credit hours	Prerequisite
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**Required Core Coursework:**

ENR 2100	Introduction to Environmental Science	3	
ENR 2300	Society and Natural Resources	3	

**Controlled Electives:**

*Select courses from one of the following focus areas to meet the 15-unit minimum requirement*

*Individuals and Communities*

ENR 3400	Psychology of Environmental Problems ( <b>REQUIRED</b> )	3	ENR 2300 or PSYCH 1100
ENR 3500	Community, Environment and Development ( <b>REQUIRED</b> )	3	ENR 2300, RURLSOC 1500, or SOCIOL 1101
ENR 2500	Introduction to Sustainability	3	Sophomore standing
ENR 3470	Religion and Environmental Values in America	3	
ENR 5480	Local Peoples and International Conservation	3	
RURLSOC 5540	Population, Place and Environment	3	6 cr hrs in RURLSOC, SOCIOL, or related social sciences

*Policy and Law*

ENR 3200	Environmental and Natural Resources Policy <b>(REQUIRED)</b>	3	ENR 2100 & ENR 2300
ENR 5210	US Environmental Impact Assessment	3	Junior or Senior standing
ENR 5211	International Environmental Impact Assessment	3	Junior or Senior standing
ENR 5325	Forest and Public Lands Policy	3	ENR 3200
ENR 5451	Water Law	3	ENR 3200
ENR 5649	Wildlife Policy and Governance	3	ENR 3200

*Coupled Systems Study Abroad*

ENR 5797.01 & ENR 5797.02 or ENR 5797.03 & ENR 5797.04	Study Abroad (Australia) or Study Abroad (New Zealand)	3	Instructor permission
ENR 3200	Environmental and Natural Resources Policy	3	ENR 2100 & ENR 2300
ENR 3400	Psychology of Environmental Problems	3	ENR 2300 or PSYCH 1100
ENR 3500	Community, Environment and Development	3	ENR 2300, RURLSOC 1500, or SOCIOL 1101

**Restrictions and General Information**

1. The minor is not available to students majoring in the School of Environment and Natural Resources.
2. A maximum of 6 approved study abroad credits (ENR 5797 or a related study abroad experience as approved by an ENR advisor) may be used toward the minor unless specified otherwise.
3. A minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio is required in the minor course work; and a minimum grade of a C- is required for each course used to complete the minor.
4. A minor should be declared at the time a student accumulates 60 hours.
5. A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.
6. The minor must contain a minimum of 12 credit hours distinct from the major and/or additional minors (i.e. if a minor requires more than 12 credit hours, a student is permitted to overlap those hours beyond 12 with a major or with another minor).
7. The minor must include at least 6 hours of upper-level or upper-division course work (3000 or above).
8. Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count in the minor, and no more than 3 credit hours of course work graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.
9. A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.
10. No more than 3 credit hours of xx93 may count toward the minor.