

## 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
ENG 425 Environmental Writing .....	3
plus <b>three</b> credit hours from each of the ENS Areas of Expertise:	
Economics, Environment, Society .....	9

#### Economics

AEC 303, AEC 324, AEC,424, AEC 445G, AEC 479, AEC 483, AEC 532, AEC 545, ANT 225, ANT 311, ANT 322, ANT 338, ANT 340, ANT 375, ANT 470G, ANT 532, ANT 543, ECO 201, ECO 202, ECO 401, ECO 410, ECO 473G, ENS 395, ENS 400, FOR 280, FOR 325, GEO 235, GEO 255, GEO 260, GEO 442G, GEO 445, GEO 550, NRE 201, NRE 381, STA 320

#### Environment

ANT 240, ANT 241, ANT 242, ANT 342, ANT 351, BIO 303, BIO 325, BIO 375, BIO 452G, CE 555, CHE 565, EES 220, EES 341, EES 360, EES 385, EGR 240, ENS 395, ENS 400, FOR 219, FOR 230, FOR 240, FOR 435, GEO 235, GEO 322, GEO 331, GEO 351, GEO 431, GEO 530, GEO 531, GEO 550, WRD 425

#### Society

ANT 221, ANT 225, ANT 245, ANT 303, ANT 311, ANT 326, ANT 340, ANT 342, ANT 375, ANT 470G, ANT 525, ANT 545, ANT 555, ARC 314, ARC 315, ENS 395, ENS 400, GEO 285, GEO 431, GEO 485G, HIS 240, LA 205, PHI 361, PS 391, SAG 310, SOC 302, SOC 360, SOC 363, SOC 380, SOC 420, SOC 517, SOC 534

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

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