

# ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY MINOR

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The Environment and Society (E&S) minor examines the social dimensions of environmental issues and sustainability. Through a range of interdisciplinary course offerings, it seeks to foster environmental literacy and citizenship among students. Those completing the minor will gain a deep understanding of the political, cultural, and economic factors that affect our use of the environment. Courses in the minor draw primarily from the social sciences and humanities and ask a variety of questions. Who determines how the environment is used? How has the way we value nature and wildlife changed over time? How do social divisions influence who is affected by climate change, pollution, or natural disasters? How can we create a more sustainable society?

The Environment and Society minor is an excellent accompaniment to majors in other fields. For those interested in the natural sciences, the minor offers perspectives on the social dimensions of nature less emphasized in science courses. For those interested in public policy and economics, it allows students to delve more deeply into environmental matters. For those interested in business, finance, or management, the minor offers an opportunity to learn more about the relationships between environment, economy, and society. Finally, for those seeking a future in the media, it enables students to learn more about the environmental issues they will report on during their career. In short, the E&S minor is a program for those who care about nature and want to find solutions to environmental problems. It is also a way for students to document their knowledge and expertise in environmental issues for the growing number of 'green' jobs and industries.

## Student Learning Outcomes

1. Describe and explain the features, patterns, and processes of the physical environment, and the human impact on natural systems
2. Explore and critically reflect on the political, cultural, and economic factors that affect our use of the environment
3. Discuss and think critically about who determines how the environment is used
4. Discuss and think critically about the way we value nature and wildlife and how those values have changed over time
5. Discuss and think critically about how social divisions influence who is affected by climate change, pollution, or natural disasters
6. Discuss and think critically about how we can create a more sustainable society

## Minor Requirements

The program leading to a minor in Environment and Society requires the completion of six courses (18 credits), two of which are mandatory and four of which are electives. Students must take 12 credits at the 300-level or above.

Code	Title	Credits
Minors must take the following two lower-division courses:		6
GEO 103	Environment and Society (all must take)	
GEO 155	The Natural Environment	

or GEO 215 Global Environmental Change

Minors must take four of the following courses: 12

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ANT 438	Beyond the Biological Need to Eat: The Archaeology of Food
ANT 439	Climate Change and Human Origins
ANT 469	Medical Anthropology in Ecological Perspective
BIO 415	Conservation Biology
CEE 274	Sustainability in Civil and Environmental Systems
CEE 341	Introduction to Environmental Engineering
ECN 437	Environmental and Resource Economics
ECS 354	Green Technology and Sustainability
EEE 450	Sustainable Enterprise
ENG 311	Literary Periods before 1900
FMA 511	Art & Environment: Animals
FMA 512	Art & Environment: Food
FST 202	Agroecology
FST 302	Food, Environment and Climate
FST 303	Food Movements
FST 304	Farm to Fork
FST 307	Feeding the World: Global Agri-Food Governance
FST 402	Feeding the City: Urban Food Systems
GEO 314	Hazardous Geographic Environments
GEO 316	River Environments
GEO 317	Geography of Mountain Environments
GEO 319	Cold Environments
GEO 326	The Geography of Climate and Weather
GEO 327	Geography of Coastal Environments
GEO 328	Political Ecology
GEO 336	Climate Justice
GEO 340	Geography of Oil
GEO 347	Art and Environment in American Culture Since 1800
GEO 353	Geographies of Environmental Justice
GEO 354	American Environmental History and Geography
GEO 356	Environmental Ideas and Policy
GEO 358	Animals and Society
GEO 360	Sustainability Science and Policy
GEO 371	Climate Extremes
GEO 374	Environment and Development in the Global South
GEO 415	Food: A Critical Geography
GEO 422	Water: Environment, Society and Politics
GEO 423	Urban Environmental History and Political Ecology
GEO 426	Environmental Change in the Anthropocene
GEO 430	Energy, History and Society
GEO 432	Authoritarianism & the Environment
GEO 455	Biogeography
GEO 459	Pyrogeography: Wildfire in a Changing World
GEO 482	Environmental Remote Sensing
GEO 583	Environmental Geographical Information Science

HOA 482	Art and Environment in American Culture Since 1800
NSD 555	Food, Culture and Environment
PHI 394	Environmental Ethics
PHP 303	Environmental Health
PSC 302	Environmental Politics and Policy
PSC 318	Technology, Politics, and Environment
PST 451	Environmental Policy
REL 395	Religions and the Natural Environment
SOC 403	Environmental Sociology
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<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>18</b>