Environmental Studies Minor

To earn a minor in Environmental Studies, students must complete a minimum of 16 credit hours, which includes two core courses and a minimum of three elective courses. Students are required to take at least three elective courses. At least one elective must be at the 400-level. No more than two electives may be taken from any one of the categories listed below. The Department of Environmental Studies may approve up to seven semester hours of lower- and upper-division transfer credits toward the undergraduate minor in Environmental Studies. Students are expected to meet with an ENS advisor before beginning the minor.

Required Core Courses
ENS 251 Introduction to Environmental Sciences 3
ENS 271 Introduction to Sustainability 3

The 100- to 300-level elective courses listed below are each three credit hours. Undergraduate students enrolling in 400-level courses counted toward an undergraduate degree cannot be taken again and counted for credit toward a graduate degree.

Environmental Policy/Law/Planning
ENS 301 Environmental Justice in America
ENS 304 Mapping our Physical and Social World
ENS 381 Foundations of Environmental Policy
ENS 401 ECCE: Environmental Justice: Science, Policy, and Activism
ENS 403 Transportation: Problems and Planning Procedures
ENS 404 Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems
ENS 419 Environmental Law
ENS 420 Key Concepts and Cases in Environmental Law
ENS 446 Population and Public Policy
ENS 449 Agricultural Politics & Policy
ENS 455 Introduction to Environmental Consulting
ENS 481 Forest Policy & Management
ENS 483 Environmental Policies: National Environmental Policy Act
ENS 485 Environmental Policies: Water Quality

Environmental Social Sciences/Humanities
ENS 101 Women and the Environment
ENS 201 Literature and the Environment
ENS 311 ECCE: Global Change in Local Places
ENS 331 ECCE: Evolution and Creationism
ENS 411 ECCE: Introduction to Environmental Education
ENS 412/ HIS 459 World Environmental Thought
ENS 418/ HIS 438 ECCE: American Environmental History
ENS 421 Environmental Economics

ENS/SoA 422 Environmental Sociology
ENS 448 Sustainable Food Systems
ENS 461 Geopolitics: Geographical Aspects of International Affairs
ENS 471 Culture and Conservation
ENS 475 Political Ecology AKA The Political Life of Trees, Trash, & Turtles

Environmental Sciences
ENS 151 Earth Science
ENS 262 Environmental Physical Geography
ENS 405 Fundamentals of Remote Sensing
ENS 425 Ecological Issues
ENS/BIO 444 Aquatic Ecology
ENS/BIO 445 Biology Of Water Pollution
ENS 447/ 448 Environmental Chemistry
CHE 431
ENS 463 Our Changing Climate
ENS 464 Paleoeology
ENS 465 Water Resources and Society
ENS 468 Environmental Geology
ENS 472 Urban Environments
ENS 477 Renewable Energy

Total Hours 16

With approval of a Student Petition that specifies the elective category, students may count up to four hours of ENS 440 Topics in Environmental Studies.