Environmental Studies
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The environmental studies minor provides an interdisciplinary education engaging socio-cultural, scientific and technical issues raised by the often-conflicting needs and desires of globally interacting societies. Designed to complement any major, the goals of the environmental studies minor include:

- to help undergraduates develop an awareness of the cultural, political and scientific aspects of the world’s environmental problems.
- to better prepare students for further study at the graduate or professional school level and careers in the expanding field of environmental professions.

The minimum requirement for a minor in environmental studies is 24 credit hours taken from the four categories outlined. No more than three courses from a single subject (e.g., GEOG, GEOL, ANTH, ENG, etc.) may count toward completion of the environmental studies minor. Students wishing to complete more than one of the environment minors (environmental management, environmental science, and environmental studies) may receive dual credit for the capstone course (ENVT 400), but may not receive dual credit for any other courses that might be shared by the minors.

Courses Credit Hours
Introduction to Environmental Literacy 1 3
GATH 196. Biological Anthropology
GEOG 210. Physical Geography
ENG 221. Literature, Nature, Environment (this section only)
ENVT 200. Environmental Systems Theory
GEOG 1102. Environment: Earth
GEOG 115. Earth Systems and Climate Change
ISAT 112. Environmental Issues in Science and Tech
GEOG 210. Physical Geography

Socio-Cultural Approaches to Environmental Studies 2 15
ANTH 373. Anthropological Perspectives on Environment and Development
ECON 305. Environmental Economics
ECON 340. Economics of Natural Resources
ENG 371. Literature and the Environment
ENG 372. Eco-Criticism and Environmental Ethics
GEOG 290. Human Interactions with the Physical Environment
GEOG 300. Population Geography
GEOG 310. Environmental Issues
GEOG 311. Endangered Environments
GEOG 320. Human Dimensions of Global Change
GEOG 322. Agricultural Systems
GEOG 325. Environmental Ethics
GEOG 341. Wilderness Techniques
GEOG 342. Management and Protection of Natural Resources
GEOG 343. Wildlife Management
GEOG 345. Geography of Poverty
GEOG/ISAT 429. Sustainability: An Ecological Process
GEOG 430. Geography of Crop Plants
HIST 427. U.S. Environmental History
ISAT 421. Environmental Policy and Regulation
PPA 484. Environmental Regulatory Policy and Politics
SCOM 354. Communication, Environment and Environmentalism
SOC 311. Sociology of the Environment
WRTC 416/SCOM 465. Rhetoric of Environmental Science and Technology
Approved special topics courses

Environmental Science Literacy 3
BIO 451. Ecological Systems
BIO 452. Population Ecology
BIO 456. Landscape Ecology
BIO 457. Environmental ToxicoLOGY
BIO 459. Freshwater Ecology
GEOG 327. Climatology
GEOG 340. Biogeography
GEOL 211. Introduction to Oceanography
GEOL 310. Management of Marine Resources
GEOL 340. Soils and Land Use
ISAT 320. Fundamentals in Environmental Science

Senior Seminar Capstone Course 3
ENVT 400. Capstone Seminar

Approved special topics courses

1 Minimum of three credit hours; can be double-counted with GenEd credits.
2 Minimum of 15 credit hours; only two courses with the same course subject may be taken.
3 Minimum of 3 credit hours

Family Studies
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The minor in family studies is designed for undergraduates seeking enhancement of their major, desiring to increase understanding of self and relationships, and seeking to make a positive contribution to society. A substantial knowledge of family-related issues, family processes, policies, laws, services and the interrelationship of families and societies will enhance majors in many fields including anthropology, early and middle education, health sciences, management, nursing, psychology, social work and sociology. The minor encourages students to make connections between their major field and family studies, thereby adding value to the major. The family studies minor requires a minimum of 18 credit hours with no more than six credit hours in the student’s major.

One introductory course is required: either FAM 133 or SOCI 276. One course must be selected from each of these areas: Families in society, family and intimate relationships, and human development in the family. An additional course must be selected from any of the three areas or from family studies electives. A capstone course, FAM 400, is also required. At least four courses in the minor, including the introductory course, must have been completed prior to enrolling in FAM 400.

Required Courses Credit Hours
Introductory course (choose one of the following): 3
FAM 133. Contemporary Family
SOCI 276. Sociology of the Family

Families in Society (choose one of the following): 3
ECON 306. Economics of Women and the Family
GERN/SOCI 280. Social Gerontology
HIST 466. The Family 1400-1800
SOC 303. Sociology of Death and Dying
SOC 337. Sociology of Gender
SOWK 338. Issues and Policies in Family Services
SOWK 342. Child Welfare Services

Family and Intimate Relationships (choose one of the following): 3
HTH 372. Human Sexuality
PSYC 275. Psychology of Human Intimacy
PSYC 450. Psychology of Child Abuse and Neglect
SOWK 340. Violence in Families

Human Development in the Family (choose one of the following): 3
FAM 300. Child Development
FAM 335. Parent-Child Relationships Across the Lifespan

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