Environmental Humanities

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This minor allows students to articulate broad historical and cultural views of the complex interactions among humans and the natural and material environment. Students will analyze and produce expressive, creative work that illustrates the complexity of human interaction with the environment.

Students select 18 hours as distributed below. No more than three courses can come from a single academic unit in the total hours selected. Students may double-count two courses in the minor with their major. At the discretion of the minor coordinator, science courses may be substituted into the minor.

Humanities and the Environment

Choose four courses, no more than two from the same discipline:
ARCD 330. Materials and Methods I
ARCD 332. Materials and Methods II
ENG 221. Literature/Culture/Ideas
(for minor credit when topic is “Environmental Literature”)
ENG 371. Literature and the Environment
ENG 372. Eco-Criticism and Environmental Ethics
ENG 390. The Environmental Imagination
ENVT 300. Special Topics in Environmental Humanities
ENVT 301. Internship
ENVT 401. Studio or Independent Study
GEOG 325. Environmental Ethics
HIST 304. Native Peoples of the United States
HIST 315. Sport History
HIST 427. Environmental History
HIST 434. Recent America
INDU 392. Special Topics: Design and Sustainability
SCOM/WGS 302. Third Wave Ecofeminism
SCOM 354/WRTC 326. Environmental Communication and Advocacy
WRTC 416/SCOM 465. Rhetoric of Environmental Science and Technology

Approved Special Topics Courses
Approved Internship Programs
Approved Study Abroad Programs

**Humanities/Social Science Elective**

Choose one: 3

ANTH 300. Anthropology of Food
ANTH 373. Anthropological Perspectives on Environment & Development
ANTH 430. Primate Conservation Biology
ARTH 380. American Art to 1870 (for landscape, painting, nationalism)
ARTH 464. Romanticism and Enlightenment
ENG 325. Romantic Literature
ENG 363. Native American Literature
ENG 496. Food Writing (Cavanagh’s section)
HIST 326. The Automobile in 20th Century America
HIST 327. Technology in America
HIST 405. Travel and Exploration
HIST 443. Technology and Culture
HIST 453. Patterns of Global History
HIST 469. International Aid and Development
HUMN 300. Introduction to Natural Disasters
ISAT 421. Environmental Policy and Regulation
PPA 484. Environmental Regulatory Policy and Politics
SOCI 311. Sociology of the Environment
SOCI 354. Social Inequality
**SOCI 358.** Sociology of Consumption  
**WRTC 342.** Writing Place  
**WRTC 358.** Writing about Science and Technology  

**Science Elective**  
Choose one:  
3  
**ENVT 200.** Environmental Systems Theory  
**GEOG 322.** Agricultural Systems and Global Food Production  
**GEOG 341.** Wilderness Techniques  
**GEOL 102.** Environment Earth  
**GEOL 115.** Earth Systems and Climate Change  
**GEOL 211.** Introduction to Oceanography  
**HTH 352.** Environmental Health  
**ISAT 100.** Environmental and Energy Sustainability  
**ISAT 112.** Environmental Issues in Science and Technology  
**NUTR 380.** Global Nutrition  

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1 These four history courses are offered on a rotating basis. One will be offered each year. Each one contains substantial environmental material.  
2 General Education courses may double-count for the minor.