

UConn | COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, HEALTH AND NATURAL RESOURCES

PLAN OF STUDY

Catalog Year 2026-2027

Environmental Studies MINOR

CATALOG STATEMENT: Environmental Studies focuses on the interactions between humans and the environment. The Environmental Studies Minor is an interdisciplinary (humanities, social sciences, and biophysical sciences) program for students interested in environmental problems on a local, national, and global level. This minor provides students the opportunity to focus their related area and/or electives on environmental issues. None of the courses in the minor can be used within the student's major. This minor is offered jointly by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources.

Introductory Courses:

Dept.	No.	Course Title	Credits
Required:			
EVST	□ 1000E	Introduction to Environmental Studies	3
Recommended:			
NRE	□ 1000E	Environmental Science	3
BIOL	□ 1102	Foundations of Biology	4

Core Courses: (9 credits) All minors must take one course from each core area. Additional core courses in a single category can be applied to the additional minor requirements beyond the core requirements.

Humanities Core (Select one of the following – THREE credits):

Dept.	No.	Course Title	Credits
PHIL	□ 3216E	Environmental Ethics	3
GERM	□ 2400E	The Environment in German Culture	3
HIST	□ 3540E	Environmental History of the Americas	3
HIST	□ 3542E	New England Environmental History	3
HIST/MAST	□ 2210E	History of the Ocean	3
ENGL	□ 2635E	Literature and the Environment	3
ENGL	□ 3240E	American Nature Writing	3
ENGL	□ 3715E	Nature Writing Workshop	3
JOUR	□ 3046E	Environmental Journalism	3

Social Sciences Core (Select one of the following – THREE credits):

Dept.	No.	Course Title	Credits
ARE	□ 2434E	Environmental and Resource Policy	3
ARE	□ 4462E	Environmental and Resource Economics	3
ECON	□ 3466E	Environmental Economics	3
GSCU	□ 2800E	Introduction to Sustainable Cities	3
GSCU	□ 3350E	Global Change, Local Action: A Geography of Environmentalism	3
NRE	□ 3000	Human Dimensions of Natural Resources	3
NRE	□ 3245E	Environmental Law	3
POLS/EVST	□ 3412	Global Environmental Politics	3
SOCI	□ 2701E	Sustainable Societies	3
SOCI	□ 2709E	Society and Climate Change	3

Natural Sciences Core (Select one of the following – THREE credits):

Dept.	No.	Course Title	Credits
AH	☐ 3175E	Environmental Health	3
EEB	☐ 2208E	Introduction to Conservation Biology	3
ERTH	☐ 2010	Earth History and Global Change	3
GSCU	☐ 3300	Climate and Weather	3
NRE	☐ 4170	Climate-Human-Ecosystem Interactions	3

Additional Requirements:

In addition, Environmental Studies minors must take six credits of electives at the 2000-level or above, as approved by the program director or academic advisor. Courses listed above that are not used to meet the core requirements may be used to meet this requirement. Students may also incorporate off-campus study with the minor advisor's approval, such as internships, Biosphere, or Education Abroad.

Dept.	No.	Course Title	Credits
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- Students must complete 15 credits at 2000-level or above.
- Students must earn a grade of "C" (2.0) or higher in each individual course listed above.
- Students must earn a combined grade point average of 2.5 or higher for all courses listed above.
- Students must complete all requirements for a baccalaureate degree. Once the minor has been declared, it will appear on the student's transcript.

MINOR ADVISOR: For more information on the minor or approval on the final Plan of Study for the minor, please contact Sara Tremblay at sara.tremblay@uconn.edu or 860-486-5218.

DECLARATION PROCEDURE: Students who wish to declare this minor must submit the [CLAS Online Program Change Form](#).

APPROVAL: A plan of study for the minor signed by the department or program head, director, or faculty designee must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar via the Student Administration System during the first four weeks of the semester in which the student expects to graduate. For instructions, consult the [UConn Knowledgebase](#).