

Minor in Environmental Studies

Why study environmental studies?

The Environmental Studies Program at the University of Kansas, established in 1971, is one of the oldest environmental studies programs in the country. The KU Environmental Studies Program provides a rigorous interdisciplinary degree that balances learning in the physical and social sciences along with the arts and humanities. Learning Pathways (<https://esp.ku.edu/learning-pathways/>), thematic areas of study that match student interest to the environmental expertise of our faculty, are a key aspect of our unique program.

Requirements for the Minor

Code	Title	Hours
Environmental Studies Minor Core		
Required: Global Environmental Change. Satisfied by one of the following:		3
EVRN 140	Global Environment I: The Discovery of Environmental Change	
EVRN 142	Global Environment II: The Ecology of Human Civilization	
EVRN 148	Scientific Principles of Environmental Studies	
GEOG 104	Introduction to Physical Geography	
Required: Applied Environmental Studies. Satisfied by one of the following:		3
EVRN 304	Environmental Conservation	
EVRN 336	Ethics, Ideas and Nature	
EVRN 410	Environmental Applications of Geographic Information Systems	
EVRN 440	Soil Science for Environmental Assessment	
EVRN 460	Field Ecology	
EVRN 536	Environmental Remote Sensing	
EVRN 611	Water Quality, Land Use, and Watershed Ecosystems	
Required: Environmental Social Science. Satisfied by one of the following.		3
EVRN 371	Environmental Geopolitics	
EVRN 384	Environment, Power, and Justice	
EVRN 385	Environmental Social Problems	
EVRN 386	Sociology of Global Food	
EVRN 528	Environmental Justice and Public Policy	
EVRN 537	Water Resource Sustainability	
EVRN 542	Ethnobotany	
EVRN 543	Natural Hazards and Environmental Risks	
EVRN 628	The Politics of Public Health	
Required. Environmental Humanities and Arts. Satisfied by one of the following.		3
EVRN 306	Global Environmental Literature	
EVRN 330	Sculpture Intercepting the Waste Stream	
EVRN 347	Environmental History of North America	
EVRN 350	Global Environmental Justice	

EVRN 362	Art and Ecology: Inhabiting the Ecosphere	
EVRN 375	Radical Environmentalism in the United States	
EVRN 377	Resilient and Resistant Futures: Global Perspectives in Climate Change Literature	
EVRN 563	U.S. Environmental Thought in the 20th Century	
EVRN 630	Sculpture Intercepting the Waste Stream	
EVRN 662	Art and Ecology: Inhabiting the Ecosphere	
Environmental Studies electives at the Junior/Senior Level. Satisfied by 2 additional EVRN courses at the Junior/Senior Level (300+).		6
Total Hours		18

Minor Hours & Minor GPA

While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

Minor Hours

Satisfied by 18 hours of major courses.

Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 9 junior/senior (300+) hours of KU resident credit in the major.

Minor Junior/Senior Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

Minor Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses in the minor. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/>).