

# ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES - MINOR

College of Arts and Sciences  
 Department of Geography  
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## About This Program

The Environmental Studies minor prepares students to integrate concepts and knowledge on environmental issues from across multiple disciplines and to communicate about these in important ways. Basic scientific knowledge about environmental processes is used to inform different social goals. Students will develop competencies in earth systems science, environmental social science, human-natural systems and sustainability science to be able to solve specific environmental problems.

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## Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - In person
- **Location:**
  - Kent Campus
  - Stark Campus

## Admission Requirements

Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor’s degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline. To declare the Environmental Studies minor, students must have a minimum 2.000 overall Kent State University GPA. No Kent State University GPA is required if the student is a first-semester freshman or transfer student admitted in good standing.

## Program Requirements

### Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Minor Requirements</b>		
ESCI 21062	ENVIRONMENTAL EARTH SCIENCE (KBS)	3-4
or BSCI 10110	BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (ELR) (KBS) (KLAB)	
ENVS 22070	NATURE AND SOCIETY (KSS)	3
Natural Science Electives, choose from the following:		3-4
BSCI 30277	ECONOMIC BOTANY	
BSCI 30274	FORESTRY	

BSCI 30360	GENERAL ECOLOGY	
BSCI 40525	WILDLIFE RESOURCES (ELR)	
ESCI 33025	WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT	
ESCI 42065	WATERSHED HYDROLOGY	
ESCI 42066	PHYSICAL HYDROGEOLOGY	
GEOG 41066	GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE	
GEOG 41073	CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES	
GEOG 41074	RESOURCE GEOGRAPHY	
GEOG 41082	GEOGRAPHY OF SOILS	
Social Science Electives, choose from the following: <sup>1</sup>		9
ECON 32084	ECONOMICS OF THE ENVIRONMENT	
ENVS 30000	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REGULATIONS AND ASSESSMENT	
ENVS 46092	INTERNSHIP IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (ELR)	
GEOG 31070	POPULATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT	
GEOG 42064	SETTLING THE NORTH AMERICAN ENVIRONMENT	
GEOG 45085	URBAN TRANSPORTATION	
GEOG 46070	URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING	
GEOG 46080	URBAN SUSTAINABILITY	
PACS 35050	ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION	
or POL 30350	ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION	
PHIL 30025	ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS (ELR)	
POL 40440	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICIES	
POL 40540	POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT (DIVG)	
SOC 42560	SOCIOLOGY OF FOOD	

**Minimum Total Credit Hours:** 18

<sup>1</sup> Only two courses can be in the same field.

## Graduation Requirements

Minimum Minor GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
- Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).