

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES MINOR

The minor in Environmental Studies exists to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to meet the unprecedented ecological crisis facing the world today in a manner that is informed by the mission of Benedictine College. Drawing inspiration from the rich tradition of Catholic social teaching and carried out in an interdisciplinary mode, emphasis is placed upon the vital importance of fostering care for both the created world as well as the most vulnerable of society inhabiting it. This unique, holistic approach brings together concern for conservation and understanding of the natural world with an emphasis on the dignity and responsibility of the human person within creation.

In consultation with the co-directors of the Center for Integral Ecology, the student desiring to minor in Environmental Studies must submit both a plan of study and a detailed statement concerning the purpose of the proposed program. Individuals pursuing an environmental studies minor are required to complete a minimum of eighteen hours of designated courses.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
NASC-1000	Environmental Science	3
THEO-3260	Catholic Social Teaching	3
THEO-3950	Theology of the Environment (.)	3
Total Hours		9

A minimum of 9 hours of courses chosen from the list below in consultation with the co-directors of the Center for Integral Ecology and subject to final approval by the Associate Academic Dean.

Code	Title	Hours
Suggested Electives		
BIOL-3355	Ecology ¹	4
CHEM-1010 & CHEM-1011	Chemistry of the Biosphere and Chemistry of the Biosphere Laboratory	5
CHEM-3250	Environmental Chemistry ¹	3
NASC-1100	Environmental Geology	3
NASC-1400	Earth Science	3
POLS-2750	Public Policy Analysis ¹	3
PSYC-3202	Psychology & the Environment ¹	3
SOCI-3305	Population & Society ¹	3
CIVL-3310	Environmental Engineering ¹	3
MENG-4830	Environmental Stewardship ¹	3
ARCH-4400	Environmental Systems & Sustainability ¹	4

¹ Includes additional prerequisite(s) beyond what is listed—these listings reflect the Course Catalog.