

# Environmental Humanities

## Minor

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Total Hours Required:

18-19

### Coordinator:

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Department of English

### Participating Faculty:

#### Professors:

Caupp (Geography), Davis  
(Visual Arts), Hurd (English), Larivee  
(Chemistry), Precht (Geography),  
Raesley (Biology)

#### Associate Professors:

Ewers (English), Pegg (Biology)

- This minor is open to and appropriate for students majoring in any field who wish to contribute a humanistic understanding to contemporary preoccupations with environmental issues.
- You cannot major in Environmental Humanities.

The Environmental Humanities Minor offers a multi-cultural and multidisciplinary approach designed to help students experience and understand cultural inter-relationships with the natural environment. Students learn to integrate an appreciation of the global development of environmental ideas and values with direct experience and participation in visual and verbal landscapes. Students focus on the natural region of the Potomac Watershed and/or selected Third World countries.

## Summary of Requirements for Minor in Environmental Humanities

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#### 1. Required Core Courses: (9 credits)

HIST 309 World Environmental History  
or HIST 320 Green: Environment and Economy in U.S. History  
ENGL 440 Literature of the Environment  
PHIL 315 Philosophy and the Environment

#### 2. Applications: (6-7 credits)

Choose either a, b, or c:

##### a. Arts and Cultures:

Take 2 of the following courses from 2 different disciplines

LING 301 Introduction to Language  
ART 301 Artistic Traditions: Asia (GEP Group F)  
ART 302 Artistic Traditions: Africa and the Americas  
(GEP Group F)  
ART 380 19th-Century Art History  
ENGL 375 Romanticism

##### b. Society and Cultures:

Take 2 of the following courses from 2 different disciplines

SOCI 224 Cultural Anthropology (GEP Group F)  
ECON 410 Resource and Energy Economics  
POSC 450 Environmental Public Policy  
GEOG 472 Environmental Planning  
GEOG 473 Environmental Law

##### c. Science and Cultures:

Take 2 of the following courses from 2 different disciplines

BIOL 109 Human Biology and the Environment (GEP Group C)  
BIOL 340 General Ecology  
GEOG 405 Global Climate System  
GEOG 445 Biogeography  
CHEM 100/113 Chemistry and Society (GEP Group C)

#### 3. Required Final Project: (3-9 credits)

HUMA 495 Project in Environmental Humanities