

# ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES (MINOR)

Department Website (<http://as.nyu.edu/environment/>)

## Program Description

In the past decade, scholarship in the humanities has directed heightened attention to the relationships between cultural life (including the arts and literature) and the increasingly precarious biological and geophysical systems of our planet. The field of environmental humanities brings the methods of humanistic research and critical analysis to bear on such topics as energy consumption and extraction; fossil-fueled power regimes; species extinction; habitat degradation; endangerment of oceans, rivers, and marine life; and the use of captive animals for food and research. More broadly, this field excavates the histories and speculates on the futures of a climate-changed world. Although it is sponsored by the Department of Environmental Studies and the Faculty of Arts and Science (FAS), the Environmental Humanities minor is a cross-departmental and cross-disciplinary initiative that integrates the curricular offerings of the home department with those of FAS humanities departments, Gallatin, Steinhardt, Tisch, Tandon, and NYU Global sites.

Students who declare the minor are paired with a faculty adviser and are given access to extensive job, internship, and career resources and events, both during their time at NYU and after graduation.

## Minor Declaration and Advisement

To schedule an advising appointment and/or to declare a minor in Environmental Humanities, please contact [environmental.humanities.advising@nyu.edu](mailto:environmental.humanities.advising@nyu.edu).

See Environmental Humanities Minor (<https://as.nyu.edu/departments/environment/undergraduate-program/Environmental-Humanities-Minor.html>) for other scheduling and declaration options.

## Program Requirements

To complete a minor in Environmental Humanities, students must receive a grade of C (2.0) or better (courses graded Pass/Fail do not count) in four of the eligible 4-credit courses (16 credits) from a preapproved list, as outlined below.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Minor Requirements</b>		
<i>Required Course - All students must take ENVST-UA 700 to complete the EH minor</i>		4
ENVST-UA 700	Introduction to Environmental Humanities	
<b>Introductory-Level Courses</b>		
Select 4 credits from the following:		4
ANST-UA 400	Ethics and Animals	
ANST-UA 410	Animal Minds	
ANST-UA 475 or ENVST-UA 675	Literature and the Environment	
ANST-UA 600	Topics in AS: (Animals and American Empire)	
CORE-UA 400	Texts & Ideas: Topics (Topics - Arts of Noticing)	

DM-GY 9103	Special Topics in Digital Media (Reuse, Rethink, Resilience)
ENVST-UA 101	Environment & Society
ENVST-UA 346	Animal Behavior for Compassionate Conservation
ENVST-UA 400 or PHIL-UA 53	Ethics & The Environment
ENVST-UA 444	Governing Disaster
ENVST-UA 480	Environmental Justice & Inequality
FYSEM-UA 785	Becoming Ecospheric: Embracing Life on a Damaged Planet
GERM-UA 202	Topics: (Minor Literatures: On the Politics of the Small, the Inconsequential, the Unheard, the Overlooked)
HIST-UA 594	History of Water
HIST-UA 629	Topics: (Energy and Geopolitics in the Era of Climate Change)
HUMN-SHU 112	What is Human Geography?
HUMN-SHU 212	Paper City: Examining Urban Bureaucracies Ethnographically
IDSEM-UG 2004	NYC Coastlines: Past, Present, and Future
OART-UT 573	The Great Auk: Performance and Advocacy in the Mass Extinction Event
OART-UT 1057	Green World:
OART-UT 1058	Abrupt Climate Change
SPAN-UA 411	Mapping the Americas
<b>Advanced-Level Courses</b>	
Select 8 credits from the following:	
ANST-UA 440 or ENVST-UA 440	Food, Animals, & The Environment
ANST-GA 2500	Topics in Animal Studies (Animal Stories)
CEH-GA 1018	Tpcs Sem: (Climate Justice OR Environmental Archives)
CEH-GA 3058	Microbial Cultures and Ecologies
ENVST-UA 470	Climate and Society

**Total Credits** 16

## Policies

### Program Policies

#### Policies Applying to the Minor

1. Students must pass at least one introductory course before fulfilling the remaining minor requirements.
2. At least two of the courses counting toward the minor must be taken at the advanced level.
3. With a minor adviser's prior approval, students may be able to take other relevant courses in the participating departments and programs (including topics courses) and count them toward the minor. The list of preapproved courses will be expanded from time to time.
4. Minors may take graduate-level environmental humanities courses with permission of the instructors, but at least two of the four courses for this minor must be taken at the undergraduate level in Arts and Science (-UA).

5. No more than one course may be double-counted between the minor and any other degree, major, or second minor requirement.
6. Courses taken Pass/Fail do not count toward the minor.
7. Courses for the minor taken outside of CAS count against CAS students' 16-credit allowance of (non-UA) courses taken in the other units of NYU. In addition, non-CAS credits do not count toward the 64-credit UA residency requirement that internal and external transfers to the College must meet.

## **NYU Policies**

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

## **College of Arts and Science Policies**

A full list of relevant academic policies can be found on the CAS Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).