

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 (in the Faculty of Arts and Science), 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.

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 the minor in environmental humanities, students must receive a grade of "C" (2.0) or above in four of the eligible 4-credit courses (16 credits) shown below. Students must earn a C or better in at least one introductory course before progressing to the remaining minor requirements, and at least two courses must be at the advanced level.

Course	Title	Credits
Minor Requirements		
Introductory Courses		8
ANST-UA 400	Ethics and Animals	
ANST-UA 410	Animal Minds	
CORE-UA 400	Texts & Ideas:	
ENVST-UA 400	Ethics & The Environment	
or PHIL-UA 53	Ethics & The Environment	
ENVST-UA 9510		
or ENGL-UA 9735		

FYSEM-UA 785	Becoming Ecospheric: Embracing Life on a Damaged Planet
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CCOL-UH 1017

Advanced-Level Courses

Select 8 credits from the following: **8**

ANST-UA 440	Food, Animals, & The Environment
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or ENVST-UA 440	Food, Animals, & The Environment
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ENVST-UA 470	Climate and Society
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Total Credits **16**

Policies

Policies Applying to the Minor

1. 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 pre-approved courses will be expanded from time to time.
2. Minors may take graduate-level EH courses with permission of the instructors, but at least two courses must be taken at the undergraduate level in Arts and Science (-UA).
3. No more than one course may be double-counted between the minor and any other degree, major, or second minor requirement.
4. Courses taken Pass/Fail do not count toward the minor.

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/>).