Environmental Studies Minor

Minor in Environmental Studies

This is an interdisciplinary program that integrates the natural and physical sciences with the social sciences and humanities to study current environmental problems resulting from human population growth, global climate change, overuse of natural resources, pollution and biodiversity loss. A minimum 18 hours are required, 9 of which must be in the natural and physical sciences, including the listed Honors College courses, and 9 must be from the social sciences and humanities. Both BIOL 1202 (Environmental Biology) and POL SCI 3480 Environmental Politics must be completed as part of the total 18 hours. A total of 12 hours must be taken at or above the 2000 level, with one additional course at or above the 3000 level besides POL SCI 3480. At least 9 hours must be taken while in residence at UMSL. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required.

Learning Outcomes

Foundational Knowledge
Students obtaining a minor in environmental studies will be able to integrate knowledge from multiple disciplines including natural sciences, physical sciences, social sciences, and economics as they pertain to environmental issues and policies.

Practical skills and problem solving
Students earning a minor in environmental studies will be able to appreciate the biological methods and applications to solving environmental issues while recognizing the cultural and ethical context of environmental issues. Moreover, the minor will be able to reflect on his or her contribution as a citizen and consumer to global environmental issues.