About This Minor.

We educate students in the science, protection, and restoration of our natural resources—air, water, land, and ecosystems. We balance theory with hands-on practice, and include considerable work outdoors in our spectacular local environment. Individual and group projects are a key part of our courses. Our students have opportunities to take part in work done through partnerships with organizations such as the Colorado National Monument and the Bureau of Land Management.

The Environmental Science minor is an invaluable asset to students who are majoring in biology, chemistry, or geology and planning to work in an environmental profession.

Advising Process and DegreeWorks

This document is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated requirements are needed to earn a minor. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and developing a suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student’s responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for her/his intended minor.

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar’s Office to evaluate progress towards a minor. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisor or academic department head for the minor. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar’s Office.

Graduation Process

A minor cannot be awarded by itself. It must be combined with a baccalaureate degree outside the major field of study. Students should follow the graduation process outlined for the baccalaureate degree and list their majors and minors on the “Intent to Graduate” form.

If a student’s petition for graduation is denied, it will be her/his responsibility to consult the Registrar’s Office regarding next steps.
INSTITUTIONAL MINOR REQUIREMENTS

The following institutional requirements apply to all CMU minors. Specific programs may have different requirements that must be met in addition to institutional requirements.

- A minor consists of 15-24 semester hours. There may be prerequisites required for the minor which will increase the total number of credit hours for a student who has not already taken those prerequisites.
- Courses taken to satisfy Essential Learning, major requirements, or electives can be counted toward the minor if applicable.
- At least 33 percent of the credit hours required for the minor must be in courses numbered 300 or above.
- At least 25 percent of the classes must be taken at CMU.
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher for the courses used for the minor.
- A minor is not a degree by itself and must be earned at the same time as a baccalaureate degree.
- A minor must be outside the major field of study.
- A student may earn up to five minors with any baccalaureate degree at CMU.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and degree requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements sheet you should follow.
- See “Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees and Certificates” in the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC MINOR REQUIREMENTS

- 15 semester hours total for the minor in Environmental Science and Technology.
- Either ENVS 104 or ENVS 101/ENVS 105 may be taken for credit, but not both.

REQUIRED COURSES FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MINOR (15 semester hours)

- Complete one of the following options:
  ENVS 104 – Environmental Science: Global Sustainability (3)
  ENVS 101 – Introduction to Environmental Science (3) and ENVS 105 – Critical Readings in Environmental Science (1)

Select courses from Environmental Science and Technology (ENVS) to bring total semester hours to 15. At least 5 of the semester hours required for this minor must be upper division.

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