

Religion and the Environment

The ways we interact with the natural world reflect the deep-seated values of the society to which we belong and the experiences of nature we have as individuals. Religion, and the spiritual experiences of individuals that inform religious thought, provide profound insights into how we perceive the world around us and guidance as to how to interact with it. The minor in religion and environment encourages students to integrate religious insights and spiritual experience with the natural and social sciences to better understand how religion and the natural world affect one another. Accordingly, the minor includes coursework in natural and social environmental science along with coursework in religion. Because the minor encourages students to reflect on their own spiritual experience and beliefs as they relate to the environment, it culminates in a capstone experiential course involving environmentally-related service or action along with reflection on the meaning of that engagement.

The minor is offered by interdisciplinary faculty in conjunction with the environmental studies program and the Center for Religion and Environment and is administered by the Center's director.

Requirements for the Minor in Religion and Environment

The minor requires successful completion of the following:

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Course Requirements		
ENST 101	Introduction to Environmental Studies	4
ENST 431	Practicum in Religion and the Environment	2
PHIL 230	Environmental Ethics	4
Select two of the following:		6-8
CEMT 561	Climate Ethics	
RELG 135	Ethics and the Anthropocene	
RELG 305	Religion and Animals	
RELG 307	Religious Environmentalism	
RELG 341	Religion and Ecology	
RELG 353	Greening Buddhism	
THEO 552	God and Nature	
THEO 560	Creation, Evolution, and God (three semester hours)	
THEO 561	Readings in Teilhard de Chardin	
Select one of the following:		4
ANTH 332	Archaeological Resource Management and Policy	
BIOL 105	Biology and People	
BIOL 130	Field Investigations in Biology (Field-Based)	
CHEM 120	General Chemistry (Lab)	
ECON 335	Environmental Economics	
ENST 201	Foundations of Food and Agriculture	
ENST 209	Ecosystems of the Ocean	
ENST 211	Sustainability and Global Environmental Change Seminar (ENST 211 and ENST 212 together satisfy this requirement)	
ENST 212	Sustainability and Global Environmental Change Field Studies (ENST 211 and ENST 212 together satisfy this requirement)	
ENST 235	Freshwater Conservation	
ENST 334	Environmental Policy and Law	
ENST 336	Environmental Land-Use Policy	
FORS 121	Introduction to Forestry (Lab)	
FORS 270	Water Resource Policy and Law	
GEOL 121	Physical Geology (Lab)	
GEOL 235	Earth Systems and Climate Change	
PHYS 106	Foundations of Global Warming	

