

Environmental Science, Minor

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Are you passionate about protecting Earth for future generations? In this program, you'll acquire the knowledge and understanding needed to help solve some of the world's biggest challenges and communicate those solutions to others.

Description

The environmental science minor program provides students with a fundamental understanding of how the natural world functions as a system, how changes in this system influence organisms and humans, and how this system is impacted by humans.

An understanding of human-environment interactions gained through this minor augments students' major field of study. The curriculum is designed for students from a variety of majors to explore their interests --- they choose from categories of scientific coursework and skill-based curricula that provide applied experiences.

At a glance

- **College/school:** [New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [West Valley](#)

Curriculum

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2025-2026 Catalog Year

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Requirement	Minimum Grade	Credit Hours
The minor in environmental science consists of 15 credit hours of coursework, of which a minimum of 12 hours must be upper division. A minimum of six upper-division credit hours must be earned through courses offered by the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. Credit hours may not be shared between major and minor requirements. All courses used to satisfy requirements for the minor must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better.		
ENV 201 Fundamentals of Environmental Science (SUST)	C	3

Requirement	Minimum Grade	Credit Hours
IAS 407 Environmental Philosophy and Policy (SUST) or PHI 407 Environmental Philosophy and Policy (SUST) OR IAS 409 Eco-Community Ethics or PHI 409 Eco-Community Ethics OR PHI 310 Environmental Ethics (SUST)	C	3
Upper Division Environmental Science Electives	C	9

Notes

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment requirements

GPA Requirement: None

Incompatible Majors: BS and BA environmental science; BS and BA environmental science (environmental justice)

Other Enrollment Requirements: The first course in this minor, ENV 201, has prerequisites of BIO 181 General Biology I, BIO 182 General Biology II and CHM 116 General Chemistry II.

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major or the minor program. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor.

Career opportunities

Graduates who have completed this minor have the foundational knowledge they need to apply environmental concepts and awareness to their future careers.

Many career fields have environmental applications, including:

- academic research
- business
- economics
- entrepreneurship
- health

Career opportunities are many, including positions in:

- environmental policy agencies
- federal and state agencies
- municipality planning offices
- nongovernmental and nonprofit organizations
- private consulting firms

Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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