

Environmental Humanities, Certificate

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Explore the relationships between humans, nature and the environment, and be better prepared to engage in activities that lead to meaningful social and environmental change.

Description

The environmental humanities certificate is for students who are interested in humanities-based approaches to the current global environmental crisis, a vital area of study.

Courses are focused on the human relationship to the environment and the relationship between nature and culture. To gain practical experience, students also complete an internship in environmental activism, policy development, education or another pertinent area.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

Program requirements

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The environmental humanities certificate consists of 15 hours. At least 12 credit hours must be completed at the upper-division level, with a minimum of six upper-division credit hours from courses offered by the Department of English in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. A grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher is required in all courses taken for the minor.

Required Course (choose one) -- 3 credit hours

ENG 367: Environmental Issues in Literature and Film (3)
ENG 371: Rhetoric of the Environmental Movement (3)
ENG 378: Environmental Creative Nonfiction (HUAD OR HU) (3)

Internship or Independent Study -- 3 credit hours

ENG 484: Environmental Humanities Certificate or ENG 499: Individualized Instruction or EVE 452: Environmental Investigation and Remediation Design (3)

Notes: Students majoring in environmental engineering are encouraged to take EVE 452 to fulfill this requirement.

Electives (choose three) -- 9 credit hours

ASB 326: Human Impacts on Ancient Environments (SUST OR SB & H) (3)
ASB 370 / SOS 370: Ethics of Eating (SUST OR L or SB) (3)
BIO 324 / PHI 310: Environmental Ethics (SUST OR HU) (3)
CEE 181: Technological, Social, and Sustainable Systems (SUST OR HU) (3)
ENG 334: The American Southwest in Literature and Film (HUAD OR HU & C) (3)
ENG 363: Transborder Mexican and Chicano/a Literature of Southwest North America (HUAD OR (L or HU) & C) (3)
ENG 367: Environmental Issues in Literature and Film (3)
ENG 371: Rhetoric of the Environmental Movement (3)
ENG 378: Environmental Creative Nonfiction (HUAD OR HU) (3)
ENG 468: Environmental Literary Criticism (HUAD OR L or HU) (3)
HST 342: U.S. West 20th Century (SB & H) (3)
HST 345: Environmental History (SUST OR L) (3)
JUS 332: Politics of Energy Policy and Justice (3)
JUS 444: Environment and Justice (L & C) (3)
PSY 306: Environmental Psychology (SB) (3)
REL 349 / JST 349 / SOS 349: Nature, Sustainability and Religion (SUST) (3)
SGS 330: Globalization and the Environment: Problems and Solutions (SUST) (3)
SOC 331: Environmental Sociology (SUST OR SB & G) (3)
SOS 110: Sustainable World (SUST OR SB) (3)
SOS 320: Society and Sustainability (SOBE OR L or SB) (3)

Other courses may be used by approval of an academic advisor in the Department of English.

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

Enrollment requirements

Requests to declare this certificate are reviewed by the academic advisor in the academic unit offering the certificate. Students may be contacted to discuss the certificate before the addition of the certificate to the student record.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Produce analytic writing about environmental issues that meets or exceeds standards in the field.
- Engage critically, with writing and group oral discussion assignments, with up-to-date scholarly or creative Environmental Humanities texts.
- Present team-prepared oral presentations on the cultural elements of an environmental challenge they are studying in order to prepare to learn team work and how to present pressing issues accessibly to the public.

Career opportunities

The certificate provides students with a multidisciplinary knowledge base and practical skill set that enable them to enact social and environmental change. Students who complete this certificate are well prepared for careers in sustainability, environmental science and public policy, and they are better equipped to implement environmentally responsible practices in their own lives.

Contact information

[Schedule an advisor appointment](#)

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