Environmental Humanities Minor

The minor in environmental humanities (EH) complements environmental science and policy with a focus on cultural expression and analysis. EH is an interdisciplinary field of study, where students learn environmental history, storytelling, critical thinking, philosophy, and the arts. In EH, we understand that ecological well-being relies on cultural solutions as well as scientific and technical ones.

EH students can explore international approaches to sustainable living, including philosophies and lifeways of the global south and of Indigenous nations worldwide. EH embraces the arts as a means of storytelling and advocating for environmental health, and it embraces philosophy and history as means of better knowing where we are and how we might best live as humans in a changing climate. This is a minor that works well with science and technology majors, to help students cultivate a broad cultural vision, imagination, and vocabulary for change.

Environmental Humanities Minor Requirements

Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements must be taken for a letter grade and passed with a grade of C- or better.

Code	Title	Credits
ENVS 203	Introduction to Environmental Studies: Humanities	4
Electives [1]		
Lower Division Electives:		4
ANTH 110	Introduction to Traditional Ecological Knowledge	
ANTH 260	Domestic Animals	
ANTH 274	Animals and People	
ENG 230	Introduction to Environmental Literature	
GEOG 250	Geographies of Outdoor Adventure	
HIST 215	Food in World History	
HIST 273	Introduction to Global Environmental History	
LAW 201	Introduction to Environmental Law and Policy	
PHIL 220	Food Ethics	
Upper Division Electives:		16
ANTH 320	Native North Americans	
ANTH 330	Hunters and Gatherers	
ANTH 365	Food and Culture	
ARH 368	Arts and Visual Cultures of Climate Change	
ENG 325	Literature of the Northwest	
ENVS 345	Environmental Ethics	
ENVS 430	Nature in Popular Culture	
ENVS 435	Environmental Justice	
ES 321	Indigenous Peoples of Oregon	
ES 350	Native Americans and the Environment	
ES 354	Environmental Racism	
FLR 320	Car Cultures	
FLR 415	Folklore and Foodways	
GEOG 343	Society, Culture, and Place	
GER 357	Nature, Culture, and the Environment	
GLBL 425	Global Food Security	
HIST 378	American Environmental History to 1890	
HIST 379	American Environmental History 1890 to Present	
HIST 466	The American West	
HIST 467	The American West	
HIST 468	The Pacific Northwest	
HIST 473	American Environmental History: [Topic]	
PHIL 339	Introduction to Philosophy of Science	
PHIL 340	Environmental Philosophy	
PHIL 451	Native American Philosophy	
WGS 331	Science, Technology, and Gender	
WGS 432	Gender, Environment, and Development	
Total Credits		**24**

[1] Undergraduate students must take 24 credit hours, 20 of which come from an approved list of electives (listed below). Students must take ENVS 203, Introduction to Environmental Studies: Humanities, for a maximum of 4 credit hours. No more than two courses for the Environmental Humanities minor may have the same subject code with the exception of ENVS, which can be two courses beyond the required ENVS 203.

All upper-division courses for the minor must be taken in residency at UO. Up to 4 lower-division credits may be taken elsewhere, with the approval of academic and career advisors in Tykeson Hall.