

4. One environmentally-oriented science course approved by the program committee. Students who petition for coursework in the sciences to be counted toward the minor must use the Environmental Studies Minor Course Approval Form.

**5. Interdepartmental 222: Geographic Information Systems**

6. One additional environmentally-oriented experience based on experiential learning. These experiences will be approved by the environmental studies committee and may include independent research, internships, service projects, summer experiences, and international experiences. Students who are petitioning for an environmental experience to be counted toward the Environmental Studies Minor must use the Environmental Studies Minor Experience Approval Form.



**INTRODUCTORY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

**Interdepartmental 150: Environment and Society (F2i)**

This course introduces students to some of the most pressing environmental issues of our time, as well as some of the efforts being made to address them at the local, regional and global scale. Participants will learn not only the science behind these issues, they will also be exposed to the economic, political and social factors that influence environmental change and shape our responses to it.

**Anthropology/Sociology 201: Human Evolution**

This course considers the development of humankind and covers the origins of humanity from biological, fossil and

archaeological perspectives. It will explore the divergence of humans from non-human primates and the evolution of humans from 5 million years ago to 10,000 years ago.

**International Studies 221: Global Ecopolitics (F2i/F8)**

This course introduces students to the ecological politics paradigm, an alternative way of viewing international politics that is becoming increasingly popular and relevant in international relations. We will explore how environmental issues, population, disease, technology, and globalization create problems and solutions to traditional questions of IR— like war and peace, sovereignty, and power— and raise new areas of inquiry.

**History 270: Global Environmental History (F3)**

What can our environment tell us about our past? In this course we will analyze the ecological context of human existence, with the understanding that the environment is an agent and a presence in history. By studying the past, the course will provide students with tools, ideas, and opportunities to engage present day environmental issues around the world.

**EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

Through partnerships with the Memphis Zoo, the Wolf River Conservancy, Greening Greater Memphis, local government, and several other businesses and community foundations, the Environmental Studies program provides opportunities for students to explore career options and begin establishing a professional network.

Internships with such local organizations as Ducks Unlimited, Bridges USA, the Refugee Empowerment Program, Shelby Farms Park Conservancy, and the Coalition for Livable Communities, among others, enable students to apply their academic learning to situations in the working world.

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# Environmental Studies Minor



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The Environmental Studies Minor is part of the Environmental Program at Rhodes College. This

minor is designed to complement any major in the College

by focusing student attention on courses and experiences related to environmental issues.

Students who are interested in the Environmental Program can take courses in both Environmental Science and Environmental Studies. Combined, these courses of study provide new opportunities for students that link academic and applied learning, with a balanced focus on policy, history, natural science and work in the community.



Students with career interests in environmental law, environmental justice, environmental economics, environmental policy formulation, environmental impact assessment, environmental education, or environmental engineering can position themselves to be leaders in addressing some of the world's most pressing issues.



#### REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

A total of 25 credits and one environmental experience as follows:

1. **Interdepartmental 150: *Environment and Society* (F2i)**
2. One introductory course from the following  
**Anthropology/Sociology 201: *Human Evolution***  
**International Studies 221: *Global Ecopolitics* (F2i/F8)**  
**History 270: *Global Environmental History* (F3)**
3. Three of the following list from at least two departments  
**Anthropology/Sociology 203: *Becoming Human: Domesticating the World***  
**Anthropology/Sociology 271: *Ecological Anthropology***  
**Anthropology/Sociology 275: *Food and Culture: You Are What You Eat***  
**International Studies 223: *Population and National Security* (F2i)**  
**International Studies 321: *Comparative Ecopolitics***  
**History 374: *Nature and War* (F3)**  
**History 472: *Environmental Justice***

**Note:** F# indicates that the course fulfills a specific Foundation Curriculum requirement.