

Minor in Environmental and Sustainability Studies

About This Program

The Minor in Environmental and Sustainability Studies undergraduates across the campus—from Liberal Arts and Architecture to Science and Interdisciplinary Studies—a set of tools for understanding the social, political, humanistic, and scientific dimensions of climate change and other environmental problems. Taking advantage of the many courses on sustainability and the environment offered throughout the university, this broadly interdisciplinary program provides students a powerful way to enrich their education and more effectively apply their major field of study to some of the most complex and crucial problems of the 21st century. The 18-hour minor can be combined with many majors and, in some cases, already completed coursework will qualify for credit.

Competencies

1. **Interdisciplinary Environmental Literacy:** Upon completion, students will be able to analyze environmental challenges—including those related to the built environment—through diverse academic perspectives, from science and public policy to culture and economics.
2. **Applied Sustainability Frameworks:** Upon completion, students will be able to evaluate how the five domains of sustainability impact both natural and built environments, informing decisions in areas like design, planning, and resource management.
3. **Strategic Career Integration:** Upon completion, students will be able to connect your major to urgent environmental concerns—including climate change, public health, and sustainable development—to enhance career readiness in fields that shape the built world.

Curriculum

Foundations		3
ESST 2300	INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES	3
or CE 3300	INTRODUCTION TO SUSTAINABLE ENGINEERING	
Specialization		
Select 5 courses from following with at least 1 from each group.		15
Group 1: Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, and Business		
Group 2: Natural Sciences and Engineering		
Additional course(s) approved by advisor.		
Total Hours		18

Advising Resources

The College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs (CAPPA) at UT Arlington equips students with skills and knowledge to address real-world challenges in design, public policy, and research. Our Advising Office supports academic and career success. Explore our Future Students page to connect with an Academic Advisor and shape your future.

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