Environmental Studies Program (ENV)

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Environmental studies is an interdisciplinary minor open to all students at UWL. While housed in the College of Liberal Studies, the minor reaches across campus and involves environmentally concerned faculty and students from all three colleges. Its purpose is to study the environment from a broad perspective, incorporating the natural sciences, the social sciences, the arts, and the humanities.

2017-18 Faculty/Staff
The following is the department’s faculty and staff as of the publication date of this catalog. This list will not be updated again until the next catalog is published in June.

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Minor
• Environmental studies minor (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/environmentalstudies/minor)
+ next to a course number indicates a general education course

Courses
+ENV 201 Cr.3
Introduction to Environmental Studies
An interdisciplinary, introductory seminar which will explore current environmental issues from a variety of perspectives (scientific, historical, and social) and disciplines (natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities). Attitudes toward the natural world and approaches to public and private decision-making will also be examined. Some field trips will be used to examine local and regional practices and issues. Offered Fall, Spring.

ENV 301 Cr.3
Environmental Sustainability
What can we do as individuals and as a society to meet our own needs without harming future generations? This seminar course approaches sustainability as a way of asking better questions, drawing from many academic disciplines and practical experiences. Students will discuss environmental sustainability for multiple scales, including personal lifestyles, organizations, businesses, and public infrastructure systems. Prerequisite: ENV 201. Offered Annually.

ENV 303 Cr.3
Issues in Environmental Studies
This fully interdisciplinary seminar provides the opportunity to gain understanding of the scientific, historical, and ethical issues in ecological literacy and environmental responsibility by focusing on a specific environmental concern. Selected environmental issues with a specific focus will be offered. Examples are forestry, ground water, air pollution, ozone depletion, sustainable agriculture, overpopulation. Each offering will have a specific title according to the topic. Repeatable for credit - maximum six. Prerequisite: ENV 201. Offered Fall, Spring.

ENV 450 Cr.1-3
Internship in Environmental Studies
Direct work experience with an agency or organization that deals with environmental issues or problems from an interdisciplinary perspective. The student works under supervision of both faculty adviser and agency staff member. Examples of sites include governmental agencies, advocacy groups, environmental education centers, alternative technologies companies, and environmental compliance divisions of corporations. All internships must be approved in the semester prior to the semester that the internship occurs. Repeatable for credit - maximum three. Prerequisite: ENV 201; declared environmental studies minor; junior standing. Consent of environmental studies director. Consent of department. Offered Fall, Spring, Summer.

ENV 496 Cr.3
Environmental Studies Capstone
As a culmination of the environmental studies minor, this course has two main purposes. The first is to take action locally on an environmental service learning project. Action in the community builds professional skills, offers networking, and solidifies student interests. The second purpose is to help students clarify personal and career goals that are based on their environmental philosophy. Hearing from recent graduates and professionals in environmental fields provides students with a wide variety of perspectives and ideas as they consider their future decisions. Prerequisite: ENV 201; ENV 303; six credits from the list of supporting courses. Offered Fall, Spring.

ENV 499 Cr.1-3
Independent Study in Environmental Studies
Under supervision of instructor, individualized study in environmental studies on issues/topics not available in existing courses. All independent studies must be approved in the semester prior to the semester that the independent study occurs. Repeatable for credit - maximum three. Prerequisite: ENV 201; declared environmental studies minor. Consent of environmental studies director. Consent of department. Offered Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.