

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MINOR

The minor in Environmental Justice (EJ) focuses on the intersections of inequity, the environment, and justice. The minor introduces the field's historical foundations in scholarship on race, inequity, and social movements with of focus on their relation to environmental concerns and provides an overview of environmental justice movement work and literature from local to global scales. The goal of the minor is to provide a starting-point for understanding the meaning, significance, and potential of environmental justice as a field of action and inquiry in relation to questions of development and social difference, and in various geographic contexts. Students who complete the minor will engage with an interdisciplinary curriculum that emphasizes intersecting ideas about landscapes, ecosystems, and environmental health with questions of race, economic production, and power inequities. Students will also use geographic approaches to space, place, and scale to conceptualize, contextualize, and analyze a wide range of environmental justice related topics, and learn about tools and political processes that can be used to address environmental justice concerns. Relevant topics include, for example, the uneven social experiences with food, water, health and land access; exposures to pollution; risks to health and wellbeing; infrastructural inequities; resource extraction; colonization; and climate change.

Required courses provide an introduction to EJ and build insight into how different people, in different contexts, have looked to environmental justice framing and practices for inspiration in social and community movements, justice-oriented governance, formal state and inter-state regulatory bodies, and planning for environmental change.


Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

- take at least nine hours of their minor "core" requirements at UNC-Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the minor core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for minor or specific courses.

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/>).

A minimum of 4 courses (12 credit hours) is required to complete the minor.





Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements		
GEOG 240	Introduction to Environmental Justice	3
GEOG 435	 Global Environmental Justice	3
One elective course from List One (see below)		3
One elective course from either List One or List Two (see below)		3
Total Hours		12

List One

Code	Title	Hours
GEOG 125	Cultural Landscapes	3
GEOG 232	 Agriculture, Food, and Society	3
GEOG 259	 Society and Environment in Latin America	3
GEOG 262	Geography of North Carolina	3
GEOG 266	 Society and Environment in Southeast Asia	3
GEOG 281	Ethnographies of Globalization: From 'Culture' to Decolonization	3
GEOG 414	 Climate Change	3
GEOG 436	Governance, Institutions, and Global Environmental Change	3
GEOG 437	 Social Vulnerability to Climate Change	3
GEOG 446	Geography of Health Care Delivery	3
GEOG 451	 Population, Development, and the Environment	3
GEOG 457	 Rural Latin America: Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources ^H	3
GEOG 470	 Political Ecology: Geographical Perspectives	3
GEOG 480	Liberation Geographies	3
GEOG 542	Neighborhoods and Health	3
ANTH 335	The Commons, Ecology, and Human Futures	3
ANTH 439	 Political Ecology	3
ANTH 446	Poverty, Inequality, and Health	3
ANTH 539	 Environmental Justice	3
ANTH 540	Planetary Crises and Ecological and Cultural Transitions	3
PHIL 273	 Justice, Rights, and the Common Good: Philosophical Perspectives on Social and Economic Issues ^H	3
PHIL 274	 Race, Racism, and Social Justice: African-American Political Philosophy ^H	3
PHIL/ENEC 368	 Living Things, Wilderness, and Ecosystems: An Introduction to Environmental Ethics	3
SOCI 122	 Race and Ethnicity	3
SOCI 421	Environmental Sociology	3

^H Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.

List Two

Code	Title	Hours
AAAD/POLI 333	 Race and Public Policy in the United States	3
ANTH/ENEC 237	 Food, Environment, and Sustainability	3
ANTH 306	Water and Inequality: Anthropological Perspectives	3
COMM 375	Environmental Advocacy	3
ENEC 325	 Water Resource Management and Human Rights ^H	3-4
ENEC 309	Environmental Values and Valuation	3
ENEC 350	 Environmental Law and Policy	3

MEJO 560	Environmental and Science Journalism ^H	3	Nell Phillips nphillip@email.unc.edu
MEJO 562	Environmental and Science Documentary Television	3	
HIST 235	 Native America in the 20th Century	3	
HIST 241	 History of Latinos in the United States	3	
HIST 273	 Water, Conflict, and Connection in the Middle East	3	
HIST 382	 The History of the Civil Rights Movement ^H	3	
PHIL 280	 Morality, Law, and Justice: Issues in Legal Philosophy ^H	3	
PHIL 364	 Ethics and Economics	3	
SOCI 411	Social Movements	3	

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See the program page here (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/geography-major-ba/#opportunities>) for special opportunities.

Department Programs

Major

- Geography Major, B.A. (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/geography-major-ba/>)

Minor

- Climate Change Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/climate-change-minor/>)
- Environmental Justice Minor (p. 1)
- Geography Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/geography-minor/>)
- Geographic Information Sciences Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/gis-minor/>)

Graduate Programs

- M.A. in Geography (<https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/geography/>)
- Ph.D. in Geography (<https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/geography/>)

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