

Minor in Environmental Studies

Program Learning Outcomes

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Students who successfully complete this program shall be able to:

1. Describe the fundamental science (drawn from natural sciences and social sciences) that informs our understanding of current environmental challenges (e.g., anthropogenic climate change, biodiversity loss, land degradation, etc.) and policy alternatives.
2. Demonstrate an experiential understanding of the real-world contexts and ethical principles (drawn from philosophy, theology, and literature) that frame the human relationship and response to the natural world.
3. Effectively weigh scientific evidence, moral/ethical argument, and political and economic feasibility in evaluating environmental policies and institutions.
4. Integrate and apply perspectives from across the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities to an analysis of complex urban environmental problems.
5. Explain the moral and ethical significance of environmental crises through concrete lifestyle changes that accord with the biblical vision of a healed creation.