ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES MINOR GUIDELINES

A student interested in a focused, but less extensive, study of the environment may pursue a minor in Environmental Studies by submitting the following:

• a one-page rationale to the program director, and
• a completed “Declare Initial Minor” form obtained from the registrar.

An applicant’s rationale statement should:
1) clearly explain the goals that s/he hopes to achieve by pursuing the minor, and
2) describe how courses taken and planned provide a cohesive focus that contributes to fulfilling these goals.

A minor must include:

• ENVS 101 (Environment and Society), in addition to
• a minimum of five full courses that count towards the ES major requirements as described in the “Checklist of ES Major Requirements” (excluding courses that only count for the research methods requirement).

These must include:

  o two or more courses at the non-introductory level; at least two in the natural sciences, and at least two in social sciences or humanities.
  o at least one of the science classes must incorporate a lab.
  o at least three of these courses must be taken at Oberlin.