

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION MINOR

Description

A minor in environmental education provides additional qualifications for students interested in pursuing a career in environmental and natural resources education. Career options for students pursuing an environmental education minor include working in formal and non-formal educational settings; employment in the public or private sector; and serving as educational specialists, extension educators, and program leaders. Courses selected for the minor's curriculum were chosen for their holistic perspective and interdisciplinary approach to environmental and natural resources studies.

Learning Outcomes

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln undergraduate minor, **Environmental Education**, introduces students to the concepts, principles, methods and skills used in environmental education, outdoor education and nature interpretation. The curriculum integrates classroom and experiential learning in a program that prepares students for careers in the field.

Upon completion of the requirements for Environmental Education, students will be able to:

1. Describe trends and strategies in STEM education for nonformal and formal education.
2. Become certified in National EE Curricula.
3. Deliver public educational programs inclusive of diverse audiences.
4. Design, implement, and evaluate programming.
5. Apply written, oral and visual communication skills for educational programs.
6. Implement practices to ensure inclusivity in educational settings.

College Requirements

College Admission

Requirements for admission into the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) are consistent with general University admission requirements (one unit equals one high school year): 4 units of English, 4 units of mathematics, 3 units of natural sciences, 3 units of social sciences, and 2 units of world language. Students must also meet performance requirements: a 3.0 cumulative high school grade point average OR an ACT composite of 20 or higher, writing portion not required OR a score of 1040 or higher on the SAT Critical Reading and Math sections OR rank in the top one-half of graduating class; transfer students must have a 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) cumulative grade point average and 2.0 on the most recent term of attendance.

Admission Deficiencies/Removal of Deficiencies

Students who are admitted to CASNR with core course deficiencies must remove these deficiencies within the first 30 credit hours at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, or within the first calendar year at Nebraska, whichever takes longer. College-level coursework taken to remove deficiencies may be used to meet degree requirements in CASNR.

Deficiencies in the required entrance subjects can be removed by the completion of specified courses in the University or by correspondence.

The Office of Admissions, Alexander Building (south entrance), City Campus, provides information to new students on how deficiencies can be removed.

College Degree Requirements Curriculum Requirements

The curriculum requirements of the College consist of three areas: ACE (Achievement-Centered Education), College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Core, and Degree Program requirements and electives. All three areas of the College Curriculum Requirements are incorporated within the description of the Major/Degree Program sections of the catalog. The individual major/degree program listings of classes ensure that a student will meet the minimum curriculum requirements of the College.

World Languages/Language Requirement

Two units of a world language are required. This requirement is usually met with two years of high school language.

Experiential Learning

All undergraduates in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources must take an Experiential Learning (EL) designated course. This may include 0-credit courses designed to document co-curricular activities recognized as Experiential Learning.

Minimum Hours Required for Graduation

The College grants the bachelors degree in programs associated with agricultural sciences, natural resources, and related programs. Students working toward a degree must earn at least 120 semester hours of credit. A minimum cumulative grade point average of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) must be maintained throughout the course of studies and is required for graduation. Some degree programs have a higher cumulative grade point average required for graduation. Please check the degree program on its graduation cumulative grade point average.

Grade Rules

Removal of C-, D, and F Grades

Only the most recent letter grade received in a given course will be used in computing a student's cumulative grade point average if the student has completed the course more than once and previously received a grade or grades below C in that course.

The previous grade (or grades) will not be used in the computation of the cumulative grade point average, but it will remain a part of the academic record and will appear on any transcript.

A student can remove from their cumulative average a course grade of C-, D+, D, D-, or F if the student repeats the same course at the University of Nebraska and receives a grade other than P (pass), I (incomplete), N (no pass), W (withdrew), or NR (no report). If a course is no longer being offered, it is not eligible for the revised grade point average computation process.

For complete procedures and regulations, see the Office of the University Registrar website at <http://www.unl.edu/regrec/course-repeats> (<http://www.unl.edu/regrec/course-repeats/>).

Pass/No Pass

Students in CASNR may take any course offered on a Pass/No Pass basis within the 24-hour limitation established by the Faculty Senate. However, a department may specify that the Pass/No Pass status of its

courses be limited to non-majors or may choose to offer some courses for letter grades only.

GPA Requirements

A minimum cumulative grade point average of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) must be maintained throughout the course of studies and is required for graduation. Some degree programs have a higher cumulative grade point average required for graduation. Please check the degree program on its graduation cumulative grade point average.

Transfer Credit Rules

To be considered for admission a transfer student, Nebraska resident or nonresident, must have an accumulated average of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) and a minimum C average in the last semester of attendance at another college. Transfer students who have completed less than 12 credit hours of college study must submit either ACT or SAT scores.

Ordinarily, credits earned at an accredited college are accepted by the University. The College, however, will evaluate all hours submitted on an application for transfer and reserves the right to accept or reject any of them. Sixty (60) is the maximum number of hours the University will accept on transfer from a two-year college. Ninety (90) is the maximum number of hours the University will accept from a four-year college. Transfer credit in the degree program must be approved by the degree program advisor on a Request for Substitution Form to meet specific course requirements, group requirements, or course level requirements in the major. At least 9 hours in the major field, including the capstone course, must be completed at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln regardless of the number of hours transferred.

The College will accept no more than 10 semester hours of C-, D+, D, and D- grades from other schools. The C-, D+, D, and D- grades can only be applied to free electives. This policy does not apply to the transfer of grades from UNO or UNK to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

Joint Academic Transfer Programs

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources has agreements with many institutions to support joint academic programs. The transfer programs include dual degree programs and cooperative degree programs. Dual degree programs offer students the opportunity to receive a degree from a participating institution and also to complete the requirements for a bachelor of science degree in CASNR. Cooperative programs result in a single degree from either the University of Nebraska–Lincoln or the cooperating institution.

Dual Degree Programs

A to B Programs

The A to B Program, a joint academic program offered by the CASNR and participating community colleges, allows students to complete the first two years of a degree program at the participating community college and continue their education and study in a degree program leading toward a bachelor of science degree.

The A to B Program provides a basic knowledge plus specialized coursework. Students transfer into CASNR with junior standing.

Depending on the community college, students enrolled in the A to B Program may complete the requirements for an associate of science at the community college, transfer to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, and work toward a bachelor of science degree.

Participating community colleges include:

- Central Community College
- Metropolitan Community College
- Mid-Plains Community College
- Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture
- Nebraska Indian Community College
- Northeast Community College
- Southeast Community College
- Western Nebraska Community College

3+2 Programs

Two specialized degree programs in **animal science** and **veterinary science** are offered jointly with an accredited college or school of veterinary medicine. These two programs permit CASNR animal science or veterinary science students to receive a bachelor of science degree from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln with a degree in animal science or veterinary science after successfully completing two years of the professional curriculum in veterinary medicine at an accredited veterinary school. Students who successfully complete the 3+2 Program, must provide transcripts and complete the Application for Degree form via MyRED. Students without MyRED access may apply for graduation in person at Husker Hub in the Canfield Administration Building, or by mail. Students should discuss these degree programs with their academic advisor.

Cooperative Degree Programs

Academic credit from the University and a cooperating institution are applied towards a four-year degree from either the University of Nebraska–Lincoln (University degree-granting program) or the cooperating institution (non-University degree-granting program). All have approved programs of study.

UNL Degree-Granting Programs

A University of Nebraska–Lincoln degree-granting program is designed to provide students the opportunity to complete a two-year program of study at one of the four-year institutions listed below, transfer to CASNR, and complete the requirements for a bachelor of science degree.

Chadron State College. Chadron State College offers a 2+2 program leading to a grassland ecology and management degree program and a transfer program leading to a bachelor of science in agricultural education in the teaching option.

Wayne State College. Wayne State College offers a 3+1 program leading to a bachelor of science in plant biology in the ecology and management option and a 3+1 program leading to a bachelor of science in Applied Science.

University of Nebraska at Kearney. Transfer programs are available for students pursuing degree programs leading to a bachelor of science degree.

University of Nebraska at Omaha. Transfer programs are available for students pursuing degree programs leading to a bachelor of science degree.

Non University of Nebraska–Lincoln Degree-Granting Programs

CASNR cooperates with other institutions to provide coursework that is applied towards a degree at the cooperating institution. Pre-professional programs offered by CASNR allow students to complete the first two or three years of a degree program at the University prior to transferring and completing a degree at the cooperating institution.



Chadron State College–Range Science. The 3+1 Program in range science allows Chadron State College students to pursue a range science degree through Chadron State College. Students complete three years of coursework at Chadron State College and one year of specialized range science coursework (32 credit hours) at CASNR.

Residency

Students must complete at least 30 of the total hours for their degree using University of Nebraska–Lincoln credits. At least 18 of the 30 credit hours must be in courses offered through CASNR¹ (>299) including the appropriate ACE 10 degree requirement or an approved ACE 10 substitution offered through another Nebraska college and excluding independent study regardless of the number of hours transferred. Credit earned during education abroad may be used toward the residency requirement if students register through the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and participate in prior-approved education abroad programs. The University of Nebraska–Lincoln open enrollment and summer independent study courses count toward residence.

¹ Includes courses taught by CASNR faculty through interdisciplinary prefixes (e.g., LIFE, MBIO, ENVR, SCIL, EAEP, ENSC) and CASNR crosslisted courses taught by non-CASNR faculty.

Online and Distance Education

There are many opportunities to earn college credit online through the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Some of these credits may be applicable not only as elective credits but also toward the fulfillment of the College’s education requirements. Credits earned online may count toward residency. However, certain offerings may not be counted toward scholarship requirements or academic recognition criteria.

For further information, contact:

Office of Online and Distance Education
University of Nebraska–Lincoln
305 Brace Labs
Lincoln, NE 68588-0109
402-472-4681
<http://online.unl.edu/>

Independent Study Rules

Students wishing to take part in independent studies must obtain permission; complete and sign a contract form; and furnish copies of the contract to the instructor, advisor, departmental office, and the Dean’s Office. The contract should be completed before registration. Forms are available in 103 Agricultural Hall or online at the CASNR website.

Independent study projects include research, literature review or extension of coursework under the supervision and evaluation of a departmental faculty member.

Students may only count 12 hours of independent study toward their degrees and no more than 6 hours can be counted during their last 36 hours earned, excluding senior thesis, internships, and courses taught under an independent study number.

Other College Degree Requirements

Capstone Course Requirement

A capstone course is required for each CASNR degree program. A capstone course is defined as a course in which students are required to integrate diverse bodies of knowledge to solve a problem or formulate a policy of societal importance.

ACE Requirements

All students must fulfill the Achievement Centered Education (ACE) requirements. Information about the ACE program may be viewed at ace.unl.edu (<https://ace.unl.edu/>).

The minimum requirements of CASNR reflect the common core of courses that apply to students pursuing degrees in the college. Students should work with an advisor to satisfy ACE outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 10 with the college requirements.

Catalog Rule

Students must fulfill the requirements stated in the catalog for the academic year in which they are first admitted to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln or when they were first admitted to a Joint Academic Transfer Program. Students transferring from a community college, but without admission to a Joint Academic Transfer Program, may be eligible to fulfill the requirements as stated in the catalog for an academic year in which they were enrolled at the community college prior to attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This decision should be made in consultation with academic advisors, provided the student a) was enrolled in a community college during the catalog year they are utilizing, b) maintained continuous enrollment at the previous institution for 1 academic year or more, and c) continued enrollment at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln within 1 calendar year from their last term at the previous institution. In consultation with advisors, a student may choose to follow a subsequent catalog for any academic year in which they are admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. Students must complete all degree requirements from a single catalog year. The catalog which a student follows for degree requirements may not be more than 10 years old at the time of graduation.

Requirements for Minor Offered by Department

Foundations of Environmental Education

NRES 322	Environmental Education Curricula	3
NRES 434 / ENVR 434	Environmental Education and Interpretation	3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		6

Communication Skills for Environmental Education

Select one of the following:		3
ALEC 136	Fundamentals of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Communication	
NRES 301	Environmental Communication Skills	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		3

Systems Approach to Earth and Ecological Processes

Select one of the following:		3
BIOS 207	Ecology and Evolution	
ENVR 201	Science, Systems, Environment and Sustainability	
NRES 211	Introduction to Conservation Biology	
NRES 220	Principles of Ecology	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		3

Learning Characteristics

EDPS 250	Fundamentals of Child Development for Education	3
or EDPS 251	Fundamentals of Adolescent Development for Education	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		3
Outdoor Leadership Experiences		
Select at least two of the following:		2
FITN 160	First Aid, CPR, and AED	
NRES 486A	Professional Certifications: Certified Interpretive Guide	
NRES 486B	Professional Certifications: Certified Interpretive Host	
ODED 100A	Canoeing	
ODED 100N	Challenge Course: Instructor	
ODED 105A	Kayaking	
ODED 107B	Back-country Camping	
ODED 109B	Wilderness First Aid	
ODED 110B	Wilderness: First Responder	
ODED 140	Paddling Site Management	
ODED 150	Rock Climbing Site Management	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		2
Implementation of Outdoor Educational Experiences		
Select one of the following:		1
ENVR 495	Internship in Environmental & Sustainability Studies	
ENVR 496	Independent Study	
NRES 497	Career Experiences in Natural Resource Sciences	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		1
Total Credit Hours		18

Grade Rules

C- and D Grades

A grade of C or above is required for all courses in the minor.

Pass/No Pass

No course taken Pass/No Pass will be counted toward the minor.

ENVR 101 Environmental & Sustainability Studies Orientation

Description: Introduction to the Environmental Studies program and community. Weekly group discussions focus on majoring in and pursuing a career in Environmental Studies. Topics address the philosophy and structure of the program, exploring local environmental issues, and connecting academic work to career pursuits.

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 1

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ENVR 109 Water in Society

Crosslisted with: SCIL 109, AECN 109, NRES 109, GEOG 109

Description: Introduction to the scientific, social, and economic dimensions of historical and contemporary water systems. Students will develop an understanding of hydrologic systems and analyze and engage in decision-making about complex challenges associated with water resource use.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL

ACE: ACE 4 Science ACE 8 Civic/Ethics/Stewardship

ENVR 189H University Honors Seminar

Prerequisites: Good standing in the University Honors Program or by invitation.

Notes: A University Honors Seminar 189H course is required of all students in the University Honors Program. Letter Grade Only.

Description: Topics vary.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

ACE: ACE 8 Civic/Ethics/Stewardship

ENVR 201 Science, Systems, Environment and Sustainability

Description: Application of basic Earth system and ecosystem science concepts for understanding: natural systems; the relationships and interactions between the living and the non-living environment; current and future environmental challenges; the importance of considering scientific evidence and uncertainty; and the implementation of the sustainability concepts.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 8 Civic/Ethics/Stewardship

ENVR 249 Individual and Cultural Perspectives on the Environment

Crosslisted with: NRES 249

Description: The influence of culture on individual perspectives related to the concepts of sustainability and the relationship that humans have with the environment. The role of ethics, religion, and historical setting on the individual and cultural perspectives related to environmental challenges at the local to global scales.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

ENVR 319 Environmental Engagement and the Community

Description: The processes of environmental agencies and organizations use to develop and implement projects and programs. The development of their project proposal, work plans, budgets, and final report. Requires developing and implementing projects and programs in collaboration with clients who are from agencies and organizations working with environmental issues.

Credit Hours: 2

Max credits per semester: 2

Max credits per degree: 2

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Experiential Learning: Case/Project-Based Learning

**ENVR 334 Psychology of Environmental Sustainability**

Crosslisted with: PSYC 334

Description: Applications of psychological principles to understand human transactions with their environments and find behavior-based solutions to environmental problems.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 8 Civic/Ethics/Stewardship

ENVR 434 Environmental Education and Interpretation

Crosslisted with: NRES 434, NRES 834

Notes: Requires 20 hours of service.

Description: Examination of formal and informal environmental education and interpretation. Knowledge, application and practice relevant to science teachers and park, extension, museums, and zoo educators.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$40

Experiential Learning: Community Engagement

ENVR 489 Environmental Studies Senior Thesis I

Prerequisites: ENVR major or minor; junior or senior standing

Notes: First course of a two-semester sequence of courses consisting of ENVR 489 and 499. Letter Grade only.

Description: Preparation for writing the required senior thesis.

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 1

Grading Option: Graded

Prerequisite for: ENVR 499

ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

ENVR 489H Honors: Environmental Studies Senior Thesis I

Prerequisites: University Honors Program; ENVR major or minor; junior or senior standing. Credit toward the degree cannot be earned in both ENVR 489 and ENVR 489H.

Notes: First course of a two-semester sequence of courses consisting of ENVR 489H and 499H. Letter Grade only.

Description: Preparation for writing the required senior thesis.

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 1

Grading Option: Graded

Prerequisite for: ENVR 499H

ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

Experiential Learning: Research

ENVR 495 Internship in Environmental & Sustainability Studies

Prerequisites: Permission.

Description: Experience in off-campus setting that is directly relevant to environmental studies.

Credit Hours: 1-4

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 4

Max credits per degree: 4

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Experiential Learning: Internship/Co-op

ENVR 496 Independent Study

Prerequisites: Permission.

Description: Independent reading or research under direction of a faculty member.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ENVR 499 Environmental Studies Senior Thesis II

Prerequisites: ENVR 489

Notes: Second course of a two-semester sequence of courses consisting of ENVR 489 and 499.

Description: Required thesis written under the supervision of the emphasis advisor or a faculty member designated by the advisor.

Credit Hours: 2

Max credits per semester: 2

Max credits per degree: 2

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

ENVR 499H Honors: Environmental Studies Senior Thesis II

Prerequisites: ENVR 489H. Credit toward the degree cannot be earned in both ENVR 499 and ENVR 499H.

Notes: Second course of a two-semester sequence of courses consisting of ENVR 489H and 499H.

Description: Required thesis written under the supervision of the emphasis advisor or a faculty member designated by the advisor.

Credit Hours: 2

Max credits per semester: 2

Max credits per degree: 2

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product