

ENVIRONMENT, PEACE AND JUSTICE - MINOR

College of Arts and Sciences
School of Peace and Conflict Studies
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About This Program

The Environment, Peace and Justice minor provides a unique perspective on critical issues facing our world today and equips you with the knowledge and skills needed to promote environmental sustainability and social justice. Enroll now and make a difference in your community and the world. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor's degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

Program Requirements

Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Minor Requirements		
ENVS 22070	NATURE AND SOCIETY (KSS)	3
PACS 11001	INTRODUCTION TO CONFLICT MANAGEMENT (DIVD) (KSS)	3
PACS 35050	ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION	3
PACS 45060	ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE	3
Minor Electives, choose from the following:		9
AFS 47122	SEMINAR IN ACTIVISM AND SOCIAL CHANGE	
ANTH 48220	CULTURAL ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY	
ENVS 46092	INTERNSHIP IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (ELR) ¹	
GEOG 31070	POPULATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT	
GEOG 41077	WATER AND SOCIETY	
GEOG 41800	GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	
GEOG 46060	FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY	
MGMT 44009	THE BUSINESS CASE FOR SUSTAINABILITY	
PACS 31003	NONVIOLENCE: THEORY AND PRACTICE	

PACS 35092	INTERNSHIP IN PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES (ELR) ¹
PACS 40089	INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE: PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES (DIVG) (ELR) ¹
PACS 40090	STUDY AWAY: PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES (ELR) ¹
PHIL 30025	ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS (ELR)
PHIL 31035	PHILOSOPHY AND JUSTICE (DIVD)
POL 40440	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICIES
POL 40560	HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (DIVG)
POL 40620	POLITICS OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS (DIVD)
SOC 42565	ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY

Minimum Total Credit Hours:

21

¹ Maximum 3 credit hours of one of the following experiential courses may be applied toward minor electives: ENVS 46092, PACS 35092, PACS 40089, PACS 40090, if related to environment, peace and justice and approved by coordinator.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Minor GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
- Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Engage with interdisciplinary and critical theory, concepts and case studies to understand a variety of issues and underlying challenges to protecting the environment, peace and justice.
2. Demonstrate knowledge through the ability to connect, analyze and communicate a wide range of social justice issues and challenges with the environment and peace.
3. Identify or propose peaceful or nonviolent approaches that comprehensively address environmental problems and social and ecological injustices.

Full Description

The Environment, Peace and Justice minor meets a number of different goals, responding to students' interests and the growing need to prepare them with the conceptual and theoretical foundations and applied skills to address challenges to both peace and the environment in tandem.

Challenges to both peace and the environment are often deeply interrelated, with one impacting the other and feeding back. For example, where environmental degradation unevenly impacts already-marginalized communities and becomes a source of conflict, or when the breakdown of peace due to historical or protracted injustice impacts the environment and our ability to protect it in nonviolent ways. Globally, justice is a well-recognized pillar of both sustainable development and sustainable peace, emphasizing that these challenges need to be met in integrated ways.

The program emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach by drawing on relevant courses offered through different departments to offer a minor that can complement a range of majors.