

MINOR IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE ECONOMICS

The minor in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics is open to all students who desire to complete an integrated set of courses where they learn how to apply economics to a broad range of natural resources and environmental issues. Interested in how economists view climate change, parks and protected areas, renewable energy, deforestation, carbon accounting, corporate social (and environmental) responsibility and/or biodiversity and ecosystem services? Students have the opportunity to develop skills to evaluate private and societal choices that are made regarding human interactions with the natural world. Economic theory and analytical methods are central to most public policy discussions and investment projects. Students who build these skills will be positioned to guide social dialogue and private investment around some of the most important issues of the modern era.

The minor is highly complementary to the major fields of study that focus on the management of natural resources (e.g., most majors within the Warner College of Natural Resources) and those that focus on public policy and social choice. Applicable courses that contribute to the minor include core courses in environmental and natural resource economics as well as courses applied to specialty topics in water, outdoor recreation and tourism, energy, development, and agriculture.