

MINOR IN SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is increasingly central to how organizations, economies, and societies operate. The Sustainability Minor introduces students to the scientific foundations of sustainability and the ways scientific insight informs organizational and societal decision making. Designed to complement a wide range of majors, the minor provides students with a structured understanding of environmental systems and the challenges that arise at the intersection of human and natural systems.

Grounded in core concepts from the science of sustainability, the minor develops students' ability to interpret environmental data, think in systems, and critically evaluate sustainability-related claims. Students explore how scientific evidence shapes discussions of risk, responsibility, and long-term outcomes across sectors, without requiring prior scientific background. By building fluency in sustainability science and its real-world implications, the Sustainability Minor allows students to meaningfully engage with sustainability issues alongside their primary field of study. Sustainability is not a trend to be added on, but an essential framework for understanding the forces shaping the future.

For further information about policies related to minors, see the Program Policies (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/#minorspolicies) page.

Course	Title	Credits
Core courses:		
NAS 201	Science of Sustainability	3
NAS 202	Life on Earth: Biodiversity and Climate	3
NAS 203	Food, Energy, and Water	3
Select one elective course:		3
EC 346	Environmental Economics	
HI 355	American Environmental History	
LA 102	Environmental Law	
NAS 318	Global Health Challenges	
NAS 320	Bugs in the System	
NAS 330	Space Resource Exploration	
NAS 335	Energy Analytics	
NAS 336	Water and the Environment	
NAS 338	Water Quality	
NAS 340	Oceanography	
NAS 344	Energy Alternatives	
NAS 346	Wind Energy	
NAS 348	Global Climate Change	
NAS 349	Plastics - Pollution and Possibilities	
NAS 350	Industrial Ecology	
NAS 352	Science of Environmental Policy	
NAS 354	Sustainable Food Systems	
NAS 444	Bentley Global Experience	
PSY 350	Environmental Psychology	
Total Credits		12