

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNICATION MINOR

The Environmental Communication minor is a collaborative effort between the School of Communication and the School of Environmental Sustainability. This 18 credit minor equips students with a deeper understanding of the role of communication in effectively advocating for environmental sustainability.

The minor is enriched with access to state-of-the-art facilities at the Lakeshore and Water Tower campuses. At Lakeshore, the facilities of the School of Environmental Sustainability are designed to minimize energy use, reduce waste, and conserve water. At Water Tower, the School of Communication offers students on-site multi-media production facilities, labs, and specialized equipment.

The skills student acquire from this minor will prepare them for future work in environmental advocacy across diverse platforms.

CURRICULUM

Only three courses may count toward an SoC or SES major and the Environmental Communication minor. Please consult your academic advisor with any questions.

Code	Title	Hours
Environmental Courses		
Select two of the following:		6
ENVS 218	Biodiversity & Biogeography	
ENVS 224	Climate & Climate Change	
ENVS 273	Energy and The Environment	
ENVS 283	Environmental Sustainability ²	
Communication Courses		
Select two of the following:		6
COMM 130	Intro to Audio Production	
COMM 135	Intro to Video Production or COMM 14 Video for Journalists	
COMM 210	Principles of Public Relations	
COMM 213	Digital Foundations	
COMM 236	Persuasive Presentations	
COMM 260	Environmental Journalism (spring only) ¹	
COMM 275	Web Design and Usability	
COMM 309	Designing Media for Social Change or COMM 32 Guerilla Media	
COMM 282	Media Law or COMM 362 Multimedia Journalism Research Methods	
Elective Options		
Select one each from Lists A and B:		6
List A:		
COMM 227	Social Justice & Communication	
COMM 306	Environmental Advocacy	
COMM 307	Communication & Social Movements	
COMM 379	Digital Sustainability	
List B:		
ENVS 204	Gender, Health & Environment	

ENVS 207	Plants and Civilization
ENVS 218	Biodiversity & Biogeography
ENVS 226	Science & Conservation of Freshwater Ecosystems
ENVS 273	Energy and The Environment
ENVS 279	Climate and History ¹
ENVS 283	Environmental Sustainability ²
ENVS 284	Environmental Justice
ENVS 297	North American Environmental History ¹
ENVS 310	Introduction to Environmental Law & Policy
ENVS 311	Natural Resources and Land Use Law & Policy
ENVS 312	Water Law & Policy
ENVS 313	Energy Law & Policy
ENVS 338	Climate Change and Human Health
ENVS 350A	Solutions to Environmental Problems: Water ²
ENVS 350B	Solutions to Environmental Problems: Biogas ²
ENVS 350C	Solutions to Environmental Problems: Climate Action ²
ENVS 350F	Solutions to Environmental Problems: Food Systems ²

Total Hours 18

¹ Writing Intensive (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/communication/#wissections>)

² Satisfies Engaged Learning (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/university-requirements/engaged-learning/>) requirement.

Suggested Sequence of Courses

The below sequence of courses is meant to be used as a suggested path for completing coursework. An individual student's completion of requirements depends on course offerings in a given term as well as the start term for a major or graduate study. Students should consult their advisor for assistance with course selection.

Course	Title	Hours
Sophomore		
Fall		
ENVS Required Course #1		3
Hours		3
Spring		
ENVS Required Course #2		3
Hours		3
Junior		
Fall		
COMM Required Course #1		3
Hours		3
Spring		
COMM Required Course #2		3
Hours		3
Senior		
Fall		
ENVS Option #1		3
Hours		3

Spring

COMM Option #1	3
Hours	3
Total Hours	18

Undergraduate Policies and Procedures

Please see Undergraduate Policies and Procedures (<https://catalog.luc.edu/academic-standards-regulations/undergraduate/>) for academic policies that supersede those of academic units within the University.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Understand the role that communication plays in upholding, changing, or transforming the dominant social and cultural understandings of the environment.
2. Effectively use various communication strategies and technologies to advocate for environmental sustainability.
3. Use communication skills to critique, change, and create environmental campaigns and projects.
4. Serve the needs of diverse groups, communities and organizations which strive for equity, diversity, inclusion, and social justice.