

# MINOR IN ENERGY AND WATER SUSTAINABILITY

## Program Learning Outcomes for the Minor in Energy and Water Sustainability

Upon completing the minor in Energy and Water Sustainability, students will be able to:

1. Apply basic economic concepts of energy and water sustainability including aspects of environmental economics and project-scale economic issues.
2. Understand basic environmental issues applicable to energy and water sustainability.
3. Conduct evaluations of social aspects from a sustainability perspective.
4. Evaluate projects and political systems from the standpoint of energy and water issues as well as more general sustainability issues.
5. Apply sustainability concepts at varying scales and viewpoints, including project level, corporate level, and municipal, state, national, and international levels.
6. Understand the role of climate change on future projects and societies.

## Requirements for the Minor in Energy and Water Sustainability

Students pursuing the minor in Energy and Water Sustainability must complete:

- A minimum of 7 courses (19 credit hours) to satisfy minor requirements.
- A minimum of 6 courses (16 credit hours) taken at the 300-level or above.
- A Design Practicum.<sup>1</sup>
- A maximum of 2 courses (6 credit hours) applied towards the minor's Elective Requirements can be used to fulfill a student's major requirements.

The courses listed below satisfy the requirements for this minor. In certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted upon approval of the minor's academic advisor, or where applicable, the Program Director. (Course substitutions must be formally applied and entered into Degree Works by the minor's [Official Certifier](https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/) (<https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/>)). Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

### Summary

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours Required for the Minor in Energy and Water Sustainability		19

## Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
CEVE 301	ENGINEERING ECONOMICS AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT	3
or ECON 480 / ENST 480	ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS	
CEVE 302 / ENGI 302	SUSTAINABLE DESIGN	3
or CEVE 406 / ENST 406	INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW	
CEVE 307 / EEPS 307 / ENST 307	ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT	3
<b>Design Practicum</b> <sup>1</sup>		
CEVE 499	SPECIAL PROBLEMS (at least 1 credit hour)	1
<b>Elective Requirements</b> <sup>2</sup>		
<i>Select a total of 3 elective courses (minimum of 9 credit hours) from at least 2 of the following 3 categories:</i>		9
<b>Energy</b>		
<i>Select up to 2 courses from the following:</i>		
ECON 437 / ENST 437	ENERGY ECONOMICS	
EEPS 484	DECISION MAKING AND ECONOMICS IN THE ENERGY INDUSTRY	
EEPS 486	PETROLEUM INDUSTRY ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT	
EEPS 581	MODERN EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGY	
SOCI 367 / ENST 367	ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY	
<b>Water</b>		
<i>Select up to 2 courses from the following:</i>		
CEVE 314 / BIOE 365 / GLHT 314	SUSTAINABLE WATER PURIFICATION FOR THE DEVELOPING WORLD	
CEVE 412	HYDROLOGY AND WATER RESOURCES ENGINEERING	
CEVE 444	ENVIRONMENTAL MICROBIOLOGY AND MICROBIAL ECOLOGY	
<b>Sustainability</b>		
<i>Select up to 2 courses from the following:</i>		
ARCH 313 / ENST 313	CASE STUDIES IN SUSTAINABLE DESIGN	
CEVE 406 / ENST 406	INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW	
CEVE 492	MODELING AND ANALYSIS OF NETWORKED SYSTEMS	
CHBE 281 / ENST 281	ENGINEERING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	
ENST 302 / SOCI 304	ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: RICE INTO THE FUTURE	
POLI 432	URBAN POLITICS	
POLI 441 / ENST 441	GOVERNING THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMONS	

STAT 485	ENVIRONMENTAL STATISTICS AND DECISION MAKING
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Total Credit Hours

19

**Footnotes and Additional Information**

- <sup>1</sup> Students are required to complete 1 special topics course (CEVE 499), typically during the fall semester of their senior year. Students in engineering and architecture will fulfill this requirement by preparing a report that describes the incorporation of sustainability concepts into their design effort in consultation with their senior (capstone) design course instructor. Students not engaged in a suitable design project will either consult with an extant design group or pursue a project related to their own area of study in consultation with the EWSU advisors.
- <sup>2</sup> No more than 2 elective courses can be drawn from any 1 of the 3 elective categories. At least 1 elective course must be taken from a different school than the school hosting the student's major. No more than 2 of the 3 electives can be used to also fulfill a student's major requirements. Course offerings of interest that are not listed above can be approved via contacting the minor's Official Certifier, Jim Blackburn ([blackbur@rice.edu](mailto:blackbur@rice.edu)).

## Policies for the Minor in Energy and Water Sustainability

### Program Restrictions and Exclusions

Students pursuing the minor in Energy and Water Sustainability should be aware of the following program restriction:

- As noted in [Majors, Minors, and Certificates](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-opportunities/majors-minors-certificates/) (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-opportunities/majors-minors-certificates/>), i.) students may declare their intent to pursue a minor only after they have first declared a major, and ii.) students may not major and minor in the same subject.

### Transfer Credit

For Rice University's policy regarding transfer credit, see [Transfer Credit](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit/) (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit/>). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. The Office of Academic Advising maintains the university's official list of transfer credit advisors on their website: <https://oaa.rice.edu>. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic program's transfer credit advisor when considering transfer credit possibilities.

### Program Transfer Credit Guidelines

Students pursuing the minor in Energy and Water Sustainability should be aware of the following program-specific transfer credit guidelines:

- Requests for transfer credit will be considered by the program director (and/or the program's official transfer credit advisor) on an individual case-by-case basis.

### Additional Information

For additional information, please see the Energy and Water Sustainability website: <https://ceve.rice.edu/sustainability-minor> (<https://ceve.rice.edu/sustainability-minor/>).

## Opportunities for the Minor in Energy and Water Sustainability

### Academic Honors

The university recognizes academic excellence achieved over an undergraduate's academic history at Rice. For information on university honors, please see [Latin Honors](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/) (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/>) (*summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *cum laude*) and [Distinction in Research and Creative Work](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/) (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/>). Some departments have department-specific Honors awards or designations.

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