Overview

Species extinction, genetically modified organisms, climate change and nuclear power are just a few of the challenges facing us today. While these are all clearly 'environmental' issues, they are also all profoundly social, cultural and political challenges. Education in the Environmental Humanities focuses on developing critical insight into the 'human dimensions' of these environmental issues; issues that now permeate almost every aspect of our lives, from everyday lifestyle decisions to collective and public choices concerning urban development, energy security and food production.

Environmental Humanities is an interdisciplinary minor stream that is designed to provide you with a foundation from which to understand and critically engage with contemporary environmental issues. Drawing on resources from across the humanities and social sciences, teaching in Environmental Humanities provides you with a valuable and distinctive approach to the environment, grounded in the fields of history, philosophy, geography, cultural studies, literature, science and technology studies (STS) and social theory.
**Faculty**
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

**School**
School of Humanities and Languages

**Study Level**
Undergraduate

**Minimum Units of Credit**
24

**Specialisation Type**
Minor
Learning Outcomes

1. Collaborate effectively with others
   - Leaders
   - Professionals

2. Exhibit initiative and self-direction
   - Leaders
   - Professionals

3. Act ethically, respectfully and responsibly
   - Global Citizens
   - Professionals
   - Scholars

4. Describe the historical evolution of knowledge claims regarding the environment and society
   - Scholars

5. Identify the ways in which environmental issues are implicated with knowledge claims, social and cultural practices, and fundamental questions of politics, meaning, value and ethics
   - Global Citizens
   - Scholars

6. Recognise the value of cross-disciplinary perspectives to contemporary environmental challenges
   - Scholars

7. Undertake rigorous and engaged scholarly enquiry and analysis
   - Scholars
   - Professionals

8. Communicate and debate complex ideas in a range of different contexts using a variety of suitable media
   - Leaders
   - Professionals
   - Scholars

9. Critically and creatively employ disciplinary bodies of knowledge and appraise disciplinary perspectives in professional practice and/or scholarship
   - Professionals
   - Scholars

10. Justify a position in relation to foundational aspects of society, culture and/or the arts
    - Global Citizens
    - Professionals
    - Scholars

11. Engage proactively with complex problems in professional practice and/or scholarship
    - Scholars
    - Professionals

12. Continuously acquire knowledge and skills and reflect on existing knowledge and skills for personal and career fulfilment
Graduate Capabilities:

For more information on Graduate Capabilities, please click on this link.
Available in Program(s)

Program(s) in which this minor is available

Bachelor of Media - BMedia

3429 Media (Comm & Journalism)
Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Typical Duration: 3 Years
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Bachelor of Media - BMedia

3434 Media (PR and Advertising)
Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Typical Duration: 3 Years
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Bachelor of Media - BMedia

3438 Media (Screen and Sound Production)
Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Typical Duration: 3 Years
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Bachelor of International Studies - BlnSt

3447 International Studies
Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years
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Bachelor of Media - BMedia

3453 Media (Public Relations and Advertising)
Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Typical Duration: 3 Years

**Bachelor of Media - BM**

**3454 Media (Communication and Journalism)**

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Typical Duration: 3 Years

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**Bachelor of Economics - BEc**

**3543 Economics**

Faculty: UNSW Business School
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Typical Duration: 3 Years

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Specialisation Structure

Students must complete 24 UOC.

ARTS/EDUCATION (SECONDARY) STUDENTS

The 24 uoc minor in Environmental Humanities can be combined with a major in History as preparation for a double first teaching specialisation.

Level 1 Core Courses

You must take 12 UOC of the following courses.

ARTS1240  6 UOC
Environment and Society

ARTS1241  6 UOC
Environmental Advocacy and Activism

Level 2 Prescribed Electives

You must take at least 6 UOC, up to a maximum of 12 UOC of the following courses.

ARTS2240  6 UOC
Environment, Sustainability and Development

ARTS2242  6 UOC
The Politics of Climate Change

ARTS2243  6 UOC
Waste and Society

ARTS2244  6 UOC
Rethinking Wildlife: Philosophy, Biodiversity, Extinction

ARTS2247  6 UOC
Indigenous People and the Environment
Level 3 Prescribed Electives

You can take up to a maximum of 6 UOC of the following courses.

ARTS2249 | 6 UOC
Environmental Philosophy

ARTS3240 | 6 UOC
Environmental Humanities Capstone

ARTS3241 | 6 UOC
Environmental Justice

ARTS3242 | 6 UOC
Environmental History

ARTS3243 | 6 UOC
Remaking Nature: The Politics of Biotechnology

ARTS3245 | 6 UOC
Public Relations and the Environment

ATSI3003 | 6 UOC
Indigenous Cultural Heritage and the Environment

DART3330 | 6 UOC
Art and the Anthropocene

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enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.
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