

Minor in Human Ecology

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The Minor in Human Ecology focuses on understanding the relationship between humans and their environment, including long-term human adaptation and evolution, human impacts on the environment, responses to climate change, the emergence of social complexity, agriculture, food security, and resource extraction and environmental degradation such as mining and pollution. ***The Minor in Human Ecology prepares students to address pressing issues involving the human-environment relationship*** and obtain employment in public archaeology, ecology, natural history, education, public health, social ecology, and related fields.

The Minor in Human Ecology consists of **six courses** totaling **18 credits**. This includes two required courses that provide basic knowledge of the human-environmental interface. Students can then choose among three intermediate courses depending upon their interests within Human Ecology. Finally, students can choose three electives from a number of other courses within the department that address human ecology, listed below. The full list of Anthropology courses with descriptions can be found on the Anthropology Department website:

qc.cuny.edu/academics/anthropology/courses

The Minor in Human Ecology can be easily combined with Majors in other departments. If combined with a Major in Anthropology, four of the six courses (12 of the 18 credits) can overlap between the Major and the Minor and *only 2 extra courses (6 extra credits) are required*.

Requirements for the Minor in Human Ecology

Two required courses:

ANTH 102	Introduction to Human Evolution
ANTH 103	Introduction to Archaeology

Plus one of the following courses:

ANTH 201	Essentials of Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 240	Essentials of Archaeology
ANTH 260	Essentials of Biological Anthropology

Three elective courses:

Note: only *one* of these may be an "essentials" course, i.e., Anth 201, 240, 260

ANTH 201	Essentials of Cultural Anthropology	ANTH 270	Evolutionary Medicine
ANTH 240	Essentials of Archaeology	ANTH 271	Human Biology
ANTH 241	The Aztecs, Maya, and Olmecs	ANTH 279	Topics in Biological Anthropology
ANTH 243	Archaeology of North America	ANTH 302	Ecology and Culture
ANTH 245	Archaeology of South America	ANTH 340	Archaeological Method and Theory
ANTH 246	Archaeology of the Near East	ANTH 342	Origins of Complex Society
ANTH 246W	Archaeology of the Near East Writing Intensive	ANTH 350	Seminar in Archaeology
ANTH 247	Archaeology of Africa	ANTH 361	Human Variation
ANTH 248	World of the Vikings	ANTH 361W	Human Variation Writing Intensive
ANTH 249	Topics in Archaeological Area Studies	ANTH 362	Human Paleontology
ANTH 256	Archaeology of Food	ANTH 363	Interpreting the Human Skeleton
ANTH 259	Topics in Archaeology	ANTH 368	Evolution and Human Behavior
ANTH 260	Essentials of Biological Anthropology	ANTH 369	Primate Behavior and Ecology
ANTH 262	The Nonhuman Primates	ANTH 370	Seminar in Biological Anthropology
ANTH 264	Faunal Analysis	ANTH 375	The Human-Primate Interface

Questions? Go to: qc.cuny.edu/academics/anthropology/program-overview
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