

The Ohio State University
College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

Sustainable Agriculture Minor

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The minor in sustainable agriculture introduces the students to several dimensions of sustainable agriculture. The two required courses challenge the student to think synthetically about the production/environmental, social, and economic dimensions of sustainable agriculture while also providing first hand experience in balancing the various goals of sustainability via association with planning and executing the student farm at Ohio State. Students are also expected to probe the various dimensions of sustainability in more depth by taking an additional course in the production/environmental dimensions, social dimension and economic dimension, for a total of at least 15 hours.

Required Coursework (6 hours):

ENR 5600 (3)
HCS 2306 (3)

Controlled Electives:

Take one course from each of the following three focus areas, plus additional courses from any focus area if necessary, to meet the 15 credit minimum requirement.

Environmental/Production Dimension

AGSYSM 2370 (2), 3550 (2)
ANIMSCI 3400 (2)
ENR 4260 (3), 5279 (3)
ENTMLGY 4603 (2)
EARTHSCI 4425 (3)
FABENG 5320 (3), 5540 (3), 5550 (3)
HCS 2305 (1), 2306 (3), 4411 (3), 5412 (3), 5450 (3)
PLNTPTH 3001 (3), 5140 (2)

Social Dimension

AEDECON 4597.01 (3)
AEDECON/INTSTDS 4532 (3)
RURLSOC 5500 (3), 5530 (3)
ENR 7520 (3)* Graduate level requires instructor permission

Economic Dimension

AEDECON 4310 (3), 5330 (3)

This minor is not available to students majoring in Natural Resource Management with a Sustainable Agriculture option.

At least six credits must be at the 3000 level or above.

Sustainable Agriculture minor program guidelines

The following guidelines govern this minor:

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 15 credit hrs. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 credits must be at the 3000 level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

A maximum of 6 approved study abroad credits (ENR 5797 or a related study abroad experience as approved by an ENR advisor) may be used toward the minor unless specified otherwise.

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count in the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of coursework graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.

Minor approval Not required as long as students complete the courses as indicated on the minor program description.

Filing the minor program form The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by filing a petition for change in the minor through the academic unit offering the minor.

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