

## ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION AND LEADERSHIP

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“**G**oing green” is much more than a popular catch phrase; it is also a lifestyle. We currently face a global environmental crisis. Many of the planet’s non-renewable resources are depleting at a rapid rate. Human activity and negligence are contributing to this depletion. Efforts are underway to mitigate the destruction of the global environment, seek alternative energy sources, and encourage reliance upon recyclable resources.

Loyola University Chicago’s minor in Environmental Action and Leadership allows students to explore environmental topics and gain hands-on experience engaging in the local community. The minor reflects the Jesuit characteristics of education: responsible action in the interest of social justice and global awareness.



Students conduct research in the artificial stream facility at the Quinlan Life Sciences Education and Research Center.

### THE MINOR

Loyola’s interdisciplinary minor in Environmental Action and Leadership comprises coursework in the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, social work, and communication. The minor is ideal for students looking to augment their major field of study with environmental coursework and enhance their credentials with hands-on experience. Upon graduation, students with a background in environmental issues can market themselves to the rising number of employers that recognize the need for environmental awareness in the workplace.

The demand for individuals familiar with environmental issues and processes has grown significantly in recent years, especially in non-science fields. Students with backgrounds in environmental studies pursue careers in law, marketing, business, education, economics, politics, public health, business planning, architecture, and public administration, with potential employment opportunities in advocacy/lobbying groups, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations.

### Requirements

The environmental action and leadership minor requires seven courses (21 credit hours). Courses are divided into four categories: background and perspective; ethics and society; policy, leadership,

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and action; and application. Many courses count toward Core Curriculum credit. All students are required to select one course from the application category, which serves as the capstone course for the minor and includes a hands-on learning experience. We suggest that students take courses from the first two categories before or concurrently with courses from the “Policy, Action, and Leadership” category, and that the “Application” course be taken during the senior year.

### BACKGROUND AND PERSPECTIVE

Students must select two courses.

*Anthropology (ANTH)*

**ANTH 104** (Environmental Studies/Science, ESP 104)  
The Human Ecological Footprint

**ANTH 303 (ESP 303)** People and Conservation

*English (ENGL)*

**ENGL 288 (ESP 288)** Nature in Literature

*History (HIST)*

**HIST 292 (ESP 292)** U.S. Environmental History

*Environmental Science (ENVS)*

**ENVS 204** Evolution and Genetics

**ENVS 207** Plants and Civilization

**ENVS 214** Weather and Climatology

**ENVS 273** Energy and the Environment

**ENVS 281** Human Impact on the Environment

**ENVS 282** The Human Environment

### ETHICS AND SOCIETY

Students must select one course.

*Communication (CMUN)*

**CMUN 217** Ethics and Communication (prerequisite:  
CMUN 150 or 160)

**CMUN 227** Social Justice and Communication (prerequisite:  
CMUN 150 or 160, or permission of instructor)

*Philosophy (PHIL)*

**PHIL 187 (ESP 187)** Environmental Ethics

*Psychology (PSYC)*

**PSYC 275** Social Psychology

*Sociology (SOCL)*

**SOCL 234** City, Suburbs, and Beyond

**SOCL 235** Communities

*Social Work (SOWK)*

**SOWK 370** Cultural Diversity

*Theology (THEO)*

**THEO 184** Moral Problems: Ecology Crisis

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### POLICY, LEADERSHIP, AND ACTION

Students must select three courses.

**CMUN 329 (ESP 329)** Environmental Advocacy

**CMUN 337** Rhetoric of Social Change: Agitation and  
Resistance (prerequisite: CMUN 150 or 160)

*Economics (ECON)*

**ECON 328 (ESP 328)** Environmental Economics (prerequisite:  
ECON 201)

*Management (MGMT)*

**MGMT 201** Managing People and Organizations  
(junior standing required)

**MGMT 318** Organization Leadership and Change  
(prerequisite: MGMT 201, junior standing  
required)

**MGMT 360** Values-based Leadership (prerequisite:  
MGMT 201, junior standing required)

**ENVS 283** Environmental Sustainability

*Political Science (PLSC)*

**PLSC 392** Environmental Politics

**PLSC 354** Global Environmental Politics

**SOCL 272** Environmental Sociology

**SOWK 303** Group Process (junior standing required)

### APPLICATION

Students must select one course.

**ENVS 390** Integrative Environmental Seminar  
(senior standing required)

**ENVS 391** Independent Environmental Research  
(permission from instructor required)

**ENVS 395** Environmental Internship

**UNIV 350** Solutions to Environmental Problems (STEP)  
(permission from instructor required)

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