Environmental Humanities Major

Degree Type
Bachelor of Arts

Total requirements for the Environmental Humanities major

51 Credits (26 Environmental Humanities specific credits in addition to the 25 Environmental Studies credits)

Required Courses (category-appropriate courses listed below)

• Creative Production: One approved course that focuses on a mode or modes of environment-oriented creative production and develops students' ability to represent environmental issues in creative modes of communication.
• Ethics: One course that equips students to engage with the ethical stakes of human engagement with the other-than-human world.
• Paradigms: Two courses that introduce students to diverse assumptions and paradigms for understanding concepts related to nature and/or the environment. One paradigm course must focus on ancient or under-represented perspectives: see list of qualifying courses below.
• Two additional Environmental Humanities courses.
  ◦ At least one course must focus on a historical period pre-dating modern environmentalist movements.
• ENVS 490 Environmental Humanities Thesis.

Required Courses

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Senior Requirements

• Thesis Students will enroll in ENVS 490 and execute a scholarly and/or creative project focusing on an Environmental Humanities topic of their design.
• Oral: A committee of Environmental Humanities faculty will conduct a one-hour oral exam that addresses the thesis as well as the major experience as a whole.
Honors

- Students do not apply for admission to candidacy for honors.
- Accumulated at least 87 credits.
- Completed two semesters of residency at Whitman.
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.300 on all credits earned at Whitman College.
- Major GPA of at least 3.500.
- Complete a written thesis or research project prepared exclusively for the satisfaction of this program. Theses may take a variety of forms, both scholarly and creative.
- Earn a grade of at least A- in the thesis course.
- Pass the senior assessment with distinction.
- Director of the Program will notify the Registrar of students attaining Honors no later than the beginning of week 12 of the semester.
- An acceptable digital copy of the Honors Thesis must be submitted to Penrose Library no later than Reading Day.

Other Notes

- Up to eight credits of transfer or study abroad credit may be accepted as Environmental Humanities with consent of the Environmental Humanities faculty.
- ENVS 480 Environmental Humanities Project Design is highly encouraged in fall of senior year.
- See detailed course-descriptions under the relevant department headings in this catalog.

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