

Environmental Justice

Understanding the impact that human and natural systems have on each other will be an important area of study in the 21st century. The Environmental Justice curriculum combines scientific knowledge about the natural environment with an understanding of environmental policy and its impact on vulnerable populations. Integrating these disciplinary perspectives will prepare students to think critically about global environmental issues, to assess the effects human activity has on the natural environment, and to address issues of social injustice that arise when vulnerable populations are disproportionately impacted by environmental degradation. As whole new categories of Green jobs are being created, knowledge of environmental justice will become necessary in fields such as business, health care, social work, education, law, tourism, outdoor conservation, and policy making. The Environmental Justice minor can be easily paired with any major to create an area of emphasis for your bachelor's degree.

See the Graduate section (<http://catalog.mtmercy.edu/graduateprograms/>) of this *Catalog* for more information on Graduate programs offered at Mount Mercy.

Environmental Justice Minor

Required:

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| BI 125 | Foundations of Biology & Scientific Inquiry I ¹ * | 3 |
| BI 125L | Biostatistics and Scientific Investigation I ¹ | 1.5 |
| PO 103 | Introduction to International Relations * | 3 |
| PO 112 | Globalization and Human Survival * | 3 |
| HI 278 | History Of US Environmentalism | 3 |

Choose One of the Following: 4.5

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| BI 225 | Global Environmental Issues | |
| BI 242 | Iowa Natural History | |

Choose One of the Following: 3

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| SO 330 | Global Race Relations * | |
| SW 265 | Diversity in America * | |

Total Hours 21

¹ Transfer students or students in majors requiring an alternative introductory science course may count BI 123 Biology of Human Concern or PH 115 Introduction To Earth Science in lieu of BI 125 Foundations of Biology & Scientific Inquiry I and BI 125L Biostatistics and Scientific Investigation I.

* Students may count no more than two of these Core Curriculum requirements towards the Environmental Justice minor.