SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Undergraduate Minor in Rural Sociology

The minor in Rural Sociology is designed to provide: (1) an understanding of sociological concepts important to the analysis of change in rural societies; (2) an understanding of major social structural and cultural changes to rural societies; (3) an understanding of the influence of social and cultural factors on rural and agricultural development, as well as the impact of development on rural groups, cultures, and communities; and (4) opportunities to apply sociological concepts to specific case studies related to rural and agricultural development, population, and natural/environmental issues.

The Rural Sociology minor serves students whose interests include the sociological dimensions of agriculture, rural population, rural development, and natural resources and the environment.

Students planning to do the Undergraduate Minor in Rural Sociology should take, as a pre-requisite, RURLSOC 1500 Introduction to Rural Sociology or have taken an equivalent introductory sociology course (at Ohio State or another institution).

A total of 12 semester units are required for this minor.

Course number	Course Title	Credit hours	Prerequisite
Choose 2: Required Courses (6 units)			
ENR 3500	Community, Environment and Development	3	ENR 2300, RURLSOC 1500, or SOCIOL 1101
RURLSOC 3580	Social Groups in Developing Societies	3	3 credit hours in RURLSOC, SOC or related social sciences
RURLSOC 5500	Diffusion of Innovations	3	

Choose 2: Additional Courses (6 units; must not overlap with Required Courses)
Note: a maximum of 3 hours of study abroad credit may be applied to the minor.

Course number	Course Title	Credit hours	Prerequisite
ENR 3500	Community, Environment and Development	3	ENR 2300, RURLSOC 1500, or SOCIOL 1101
ENR/WGSST 3530	Women, Development, and Environment	3	
RURLSOC 3580	Social Groups in Developing Societies	3	3 cr hrs in RURLSOC, SOCIOL or related social sciences
RURLSOC 4500	Community Development in Practice	3	ENR 3500
ENR 5480	Local Peoples and International Conservation	3	
RURLSOC 5500	Diffusion of Innovations	3	
RURLSOC 5520	Amish Society	3	
RURLSOC 5530	Sociology of Agriculture and Food Systems	3	6 cr hrs in RURLSOC, SOCIOL, or related social sciences
RURLSOC 5540	Population, Place and Environment	3	6 cr hrs in RURLSOC, SOCIOL, or related social sciences
RURLSOC 5580	Social Impact Assessment	3	

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ENR 5797.01 or ENR 5797.02	Study Abroad (Australia)	3	Instructor permission
ENR 5797.03 or ENR 5797.04	Study Abroad (New Zealand)	3	Instructor permission
ENR 5797.07	Study Abroad (Dominican Republic)	3	Instructor permission

Restrictions and General Information

1. The minor is not available to students majoring in Environment, Economy, Development and Sustainability.

2. A maximum of 3 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.

3. A minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio is required in the minor course work; and a minimum grade of a C- is required for each course used to complete the minor.

4. A minor should be declared at the time a student accumulates 60 hours.

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

6. The minor must contain a minimum of 12 credit hours distinct from the major and/or additional minors (i.e. if a minor requires more than 12 credit hours, a student is permitted to overlap those hours beyond 12 with a major or with another minor).

7. The minor must include at least 6 hours of upper-level or upper-division course work (3000 or above).

8. Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count in the minor, and no more than 3 credit hours of course work graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

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

10. No more than 3 credit hours of xx93 may count toward the minor.