

ECOTHEOLOGY MINOR

Program Description

A minor in Ecotheology allows you to explore a scientifically and theologically informed understanding of creation care. As an interdisciplinary program, the Ecotheology minor draws from a variety of subject areas to establish a multifaceted context.

Entering and Completing the Minor

In order to earn a degree, you must complete at least one academic major. Minors are not required except for students in the Professional Studies (BA). SPU encourages students to explore various academic paths, including minors, so if you change your mind about a minor or want to include an additional minor, you are able to do so as outlined below.

Note that the University encourages you to enter your chosen minor(s) as soon as you have determined it and are eligible to join it, especially by the start of your junior year. Students who transfer as juniors and seniors should enter a minor within their first two quarters at SPU.

- If this is your first quarter at SPU, request entrance to your minor in Banner by following these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/Th4S0jCE>).
- If you are an SPU student with an SPU cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/OTR/pages/179077187/Major+Minor+and+Concentration+Application+Instructions>) to enter a minor in this department.
- The University requires a grade of C- or better in all classes that apply to a minor; however, programs may require higher minimum grades in specific courses. You may repeat an SPU course only once for a higher grade.
- To advance in this program, meet with your faculty advisor regularly to discuss your grades, course progression, and other indicators of satisfactory academic progress. If your grades or other factors indicate that you may not be able to successfully complete the minor, your faculty advisor can work with you to explore options, which may include choosing a different minor.
- You must complete the minor requirements that are in effect in the SPU Undergraduate Catalog for the year you enter the minor.

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30 Credits Minimum, Including 15 Upper Division (UD)

Code	Title	Credits
Theology Core Requirement		5
Select one of the following:		
TCOR 2000	Christian Scripture	
TCOR 3001	Christian Scripture for Transfer Students	
TCOR 3100	Christian Theology	
Ecotheology Core Requirement		5
THEO 3540	Creation Care	5
Ecology Core Requirement		5
Select one of the following: ¹		
BIO 1104	Environmental Science	
BIO 1106	Ecological Fundamentals	
BIO 2201	General Biology I	

BIO 3835	Theological Ecology	
Science Electives		5
Select one of the following: ²		
BIO 1105	Marine Restoration Ecology	
BIO 1121	Coral Reef Ecology	
BIO 1303	Introduction to Island Ecology	
BIO 3302	Coral Reef Ecology	
BIO 3303	Evolutionary Ecology in the Galapagos Islands	
BIO 3305	Marine Restoration Ecology	
BIO 3310	Ecology	
BIO 4810	Marine Ecology	
BIO 4815	Aquatic Ecology	
BIO 4825	Forest Ecology	
BIO 4835	Conservation Biology	
BIO 4840	Chemical Ecology	
BIO 4940	Internship in Biology	
CHM 2410	Environmental Chemistry and Sustainability	
PHY 3011	Global Climate Change: Scientific, Social and Moral Implications	
Additional Electives ³		5
Select one of the following:		
ECN 3500	Environmental Economics	
ENG 4172	Environmental Literature	
FCS 3100	Sustainable Food Production	
PHI 1002	Ethics and the Good Life	
PHI 2222	Social Ethics	
PHI 2500	Science, Technology and Society	
SOC 3215	Social Inequality: Power and Privilege	
THEO 2730	Biblical and Theological Introduction to Christian Reconciliation	
THEO 3501	Christian Ethics	
THEO 3510	Theology, Culture, and Society	
Total Credits		30

¹ BIO 2571 Introduction to Biology may count here with instructor approval.

² BIO 1104 Environmental Science, BIO 1106 Ecological Fundamentals & BIO 3835 Theological Ecology may count here if not used in Ecology Core.

³ Courses not used in Science Electives may count here.