

The Department of Geography

MINOR IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

The minor in Environmental Justice (EJ) focuses on the intersections of inequality, the environment and justice. The goal of the minor is to enhance understanding of the meaning, significance and potential of environmental justice as a field of action and inquiry in relation to questions of development and social difference, in various geographic contexts.

Students who complete the minor will engage an interdisciplinary curriculum with flexibility to explore their interest areas. The program emphasizes intersecting ideas about space, scale, landscapes, ecosystems and environmental health with questions of race, economic production, and power inequities.

Students will learn about tools and political processes to address environmental justice concerns. Relevant topics include, for example: uneven social experiences with food, water, health and land access; exposures to pollution; risks to health and well-being; infrastructure inequities; resource extraction; colonization; and climate change.

Earn the minor with 12 credits, which include:

Two core courses, both offered fall 2020!

Geography 240 Introduction to Environmental Justice

Geography 435 Global Environmental Justice

Two electives from a broad list of courses offered in: geography, AAAD, anthropology, communications, ENEC, Media and Journalism, history, philosophy and sociology.

More information: <https://geography.unc.edu/environmental-justice/>

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