

RURAL STUDIES GRADUATE MINOR

Rural communities—both in the U.S. and globally—face an extraordinarily complex set of challenges due to sparse settlements and geographic isolation, exacerbated by globalization and technological change in an interdependent urban-rural system. Addressing these challenges requires both the theoretical insights of multiple disciplines and the practical wisdom that derives from engagement in solving actual problems in rural places. Emerging approaches to the study of rural people and places offer opportunities to examine rural issues from the perspective of multiple disciplines and diverse research methods that can capture the complexities at the intersections of place and space. Yet graduate training programs in these new approaches to rural studies are scarce.

Offered through campus and field-based experiential education, the graduate minor in Rural Studies provides students with the skills and competencies needed to understand economic, social, political and cultural dynamics of rural places.

The Rural Studies minor complements and supports other programs at OSU including the Master of Public Policy's concentration in rural policy and other graduate programs where students and faculty engage in rural issues such as applied economics, anthropology, forest ecosystems and society, geosciences, and human development and family sciences.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Core		
RS 512	INTRODUCTION TO RURAL STUDIES	2
RS 513	CONTEMPORARY RURAL ISSUES	2
Electives		
Select a minimum of 14 credits of the following:		14
AEC 554	RURAL DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS AND POLICY	
ANTH 571	CASH, CLASS AND CULTURE: HUNTER-GATHERERS TO CAPITALISM	
ANTH 581	NATURAL RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY VALUES	
ANTH 582	ANTHROPOLOGY OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	
ANTH 584	WEALTH AND POVERTY	
ANTH 586	ANTHROPOLOGY OF FOOD	
ANTH 599	SPECIAL TOPICS IN ANTHROPOLOGY (Ethnographic Field School)	
ANTH 599	SPECIAL TOPICS IN ANTHROPOLOGY (Rural Anthropology)	
ENG 582	STUDIES IN AMERICAN LITERATURE, CULTURE, AND THE ENVIRONMENT	
ES 544	NATIVE AMERICAN LAW: TRIBES, TREATIES, AND THE U.S.	
ES 548	NATIVE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHIES	
GEOG 530	RESILIENCE-BASED NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
GEOG 531	GLOBAL RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT	
GEOG 550	LAND USE IN THE AMERICAN WEST	
GEOG 551	PLANNING PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES FOR RESILIENT COMMUNITIES	
H 520	HEALTH DISPARITIES	

HDFS 547	FAMILIES AND POVERTY	
PS 575	ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICY	
RS 502	INDEPENDENT STUDY	
SNR 520	SOCIAL ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCES (Ecampus only)	
SOC 526	SOCIAL INEQUALITY	
SOC 554	LEISURE AND CULTURE	
SOC 556	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN SOCIAL CONTEXT	
SOC 560	THE SOCIOLOGY OF GLOBALIZATION	
SOC 566	INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: GENDER ISSUES	
SOC 575	RURAL SOCIOLOGY	
SOC 580	ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY	
SOC 581	SOCIETY AND NATURAL RESOURCES	
Total Hours		18

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