Human Ecology, Doctoral Minor

Any student enrolled in a UW–Madison doctoral program can pursue a doctoral minor in human ecology. The graduate program within the School of Human Ecology (SoHE) provides rich interdisciplinary training and scholarship focused on exploring the human condition and well-being in relation to ecological settings—physical, social, community, and built surroundings. The school’s philosophy is that individual development and well-being are promoted through interactions with ecological settings. Research, creativity, teaching, and outreach are directed toward a positive impact on these settings and the patterns of human behavior within them. Faculty members possess expertise in areas as diverse as longitudinal modeling, community-based research, interpretive interviewing, program evaluation, observational methods, survey methodology, action research, and ethnography.

Requirements

The human ecology doctoral minor requires at least 9 credits taken through a combination of coursework in at least two different School of Human Ecology departments: Civil Society and Community Studies (CSCS); Consumer Science (CNSR SCI), Design Studies (DS), Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS), and Interdisciplinary–Human Ecology (INTER-HE). No more than 3 credits can be taken below the 700 level. Human Ecology courses that are cross-listed with another department should be enrolled in through the respective Human Ecology department. Students must receive a grade of B or better in each course.

Admissions

Graduate students interested in pursuing an Option A doctoral minor should complete the attached minor agreement form and consult with the chair of the Graduate Program in Human Ecology who will help them identify a SoHE faculty member to serve as their faculty advisor.

People

Faculty: Civil Society and Community Studies: Professors Jasper (chair), Flanagan, Morales, Zeldin; Associate Professors Bakken, Christens; Assistant Professors Gaddis, Horowitz, Sarmiento, Sparks
Consumer Behavior and Family Economics: Professors Wong (chair), Bartfeld, Zepeda; Associate Professor Collins; Assistant Professors Addo, Warmath
Design Studies: Professors Rengel (chair), Angus, Dong, Sarmadi, Nelson; Associate Professors Hark, Kallenborn, Shin; Assistant Professors Fairbanks, Penick, Ponto
Human Development and Family Studies: Professors Dilworth-Bart (chair), Bogenschneider, Raison, Poehlmann-Tynan, Roberts, Small; Associate Professors Duncan, Hartley, Nix, Papp; Assistant Professors Halpern-Meekin, Kirkorian, Litzelman