The mission of the Department of Community and Environmental Sociology is to advance knowledge, teaching, and outreach concerning the relationships between human communities (where people live, work, and play) and their biophysical environment. Learning goals for a doctoral minor in community and environmental sociology are to:

1. understand how social science arguments are constructed and evaluated;
2. develop the ability to assess data quality and understand whether data are appropriate to answer specific questions; and
3. learn general theories on basic social processes, especially those related to the relationships among society and the environment and the social organization of communities.