The minor requires 9 credits of coursework. Because of the breadth of environmental studies, a fixed sequence is not prescribed, since the appropriate selection of courses will be dictated in large part by the coursework in the major degree. However, students are required to select courses that collectively give them insight into an area that can be understood only by combining insights from multiple disciplines. In most cases this will build off of a student's major field of study. For example, a student majoring in a laboratory or physical science might want to emphasize coursework in social sciences or humanities to give perspective on how natural science interfaces with social or humanistic concerns.