The Ohio State University  
College of Arts and Sciences  

Evolutionary Studies Minor (EVOSTDS-MN)

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Please see an advisor in Arts and Sciences Advising and Academic Services in 115 Denney Hall to declare this minor.

The goal of this interdisciplinary minor is to provide students with a broad-based understanding of the field of evolutionary studies. Evolution is the foundation for all biological and historical sciences. A firm understanding of evolution is needed to understand the history of the biosphere (paleontology and anthropology), to explain today’s existing biodiversity, to anticipate future changes in Earth’s biodiversity resulting from global change, and to understand the development of the genome.

This minor in Evolutionary Studies requires completion of five courses with a minimum of 13 credit hours. Students must successfully complete a required foundational course, three core courses, and either at least two credit hours of approved research participation or a fourth elective course.

*Some courses in this minor may have pre-requisites. Please consult the course bulletin before enrolling in courses.

Foundational Course: Anthro/Earth Sciences 3315 (3 hours)

Core Courses:

Students must complete three core courses from four categories of courses: Biological Perspectives, Geological Perspectives, Anthropological Perspectives, and Cultural and Other Perspectives. Students must take one course from three of these four different categories.

**BIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES** (courses vary 1-4 hours)
Ent 3330, 4440H, 5130  
EEOB 3310/3310H, 3320, 3420*, 4210, 6310, 7310, 5470  
Mol Gen 4500/4500E, 4606, 5645

**GEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES** (4 hours, each course)
Earth Sci 4501, 5613, 5614, 5615

**ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES** (courses vary, 3-4 hours)
Anthro 2200/2200H, 3300, 3301, 3304, 3409, 3411, 3500, 4597.03H, 4597.04, 5605, 5609, 5610, 5615, 5641, 5646

**CULTURAL AND OTHER PERSPECTIVES** (3 hours, each course)
EEOB 5320  
Hist 2700  
Ling 5901  
Phil 3650, 5650  
Psych 5601*, 4623, 3624

*Due to content overlap, a student can count only one of EEOB 3420 or Psych 5601 toward the minor

**Additional Requirement**

Students are encouraged to pursue research experiences in the area of evolutionary studies. A minimum of 2 credit hours of XXXX 4998 or 4998H credit may be used to fulfill this requirement. Research experiences must be approved for the minor by a member of the Faculty Advisory Committee.

Alternatively, a student may complete a fifth course (minimum of 2 credit hours) from any category listed above.

**Evolutionary Studies minor program guidelines**

The following guidelines govern the Evolutionary Studies minor:

**Required for graduation**
No

**Credit hours required**
A minimum of 13 credit hrs. 1000 level courses shall not be counted toward the 13 credit hr minimum.

**Transfer credit hours allowed**
No more than one half of the credit hours required on the minor.

**Overlap with the GE**
Permitted.

**Overlap with the major**
Not allowed and  
• The minor must be in a different subject than the major.  
• The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major.

**Overlap between minors**
Each minor completed must contain 12 unique hours.

**Grades required**
• Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.  
• Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.  
• Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.

**Minor Approval**
The minor program must be approved by:
• A college/school counselor.

**Filing the minor program form**
The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

**Changing the minor**
Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by:
• A college/school counselor.