The minor in Rural Sociology provides: (1) an understanding of sociological concepts important to the analysis of change in rural societies; (2) an understanding of major social structural and cultural changes to rural societies; (3) an understanding of the influence of social and cultural factors on rural and agricultural development, as well as the impact of development on rural groups, cultures, and communities; and (4) opportunities to apply sociological concepts to specific case studies related to rural and agricultural development, population, and natural/environmental issues.

The Rural Sociology minor serves students whose interests include the sociological dimensions of agriculture, rural population, rural development, and natural resources and the environment.

The Rural Sociology Minor consists of 12 units* selected as follows:

**Required: 6 units**
ENR 3500 (3)**
RURLSOC 5500 (3)

**Additional Courses (select 6 units):**
AEDECON/INTSTDS 4597.01 (3))
ENR 2300 (3), 5797 (1-15)
RURLSOC 3580 (3), 4500 (3), 5520 (3), 5570 (3), 6500 (3)

* Some courses may have prerequisites not reflected in the credit totals above.

** SENR majors who have taken ENR 3500 towards their major will need to select an additional course from the approved list to complete the 12 units required for the minor.

**At least six credits must be at the 3000 level or above.**

Rural Sociology minor program guidelines

The following guidelines govern minors:

**Required for graduation** No

**Credit hours required** A minimum of 12 credit hrs (some minors require more). 1000 level courses shall not be counted toward the 12 credit hr minimum.

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

**Overlap with the GE** A maximum of one course may overlap between the minor and the GE (Writing and Communication, Foreign Language, Literature, Visual and Performing Arts, Culture and Ideas, Historical Study, Quantitative Reasoning, Data Analysis, Natural Science, Social Science, Cross-Disciplinary Seminar, Service Learning, Education Abroad).

**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** Not required as long as students complete the courses as indicated on the minor program description.

**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 the academic unit offering the minor.