Program Title: Ecological Engineering Minor

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General Information

Campus: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Career: Undergraduate
Program type: Minor Related to a Major
Program title (short): Ecological Engineering Minor
Program title (long): Ecological Engineering Minor
Additional terms: This program does not need any summer terms.
Stakeholder college(s): Food, Agri & Nat Res Sci, Coll Technology, Institute of
Degree-granting college(s): Technology, Institute of
Approver college(s): Technology, Institute of
Administrative college(s): Technology, Institute of
Budgetary college(s): Food, Agri & Nat Res Sci, Coll: 100%
Department(s): Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering
First term admitting students: Fall 2009
Effective date: Fall 2009
Degree:
Catalog description: Ecological Engineering is the design of sustainable systems that integrates traditional engineering concepts with fundamental ecological principles. These principles include resiliency, adaptation, and community dynamics. Ecological concepts are of fundamental importance in the designs of robust and sustainable systems that integrate human activities with the natural environment.

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RIASEC Codes:
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Field of Study:
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Program contact’s full name:
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Narrative Materials

Brief summary or overview of reason for proposed new program or rationale for changes:
Ecological Engineering is the design of robust and sustainable systems that integrate human activities with the natural environment.

Site(s) beyond the home campus where this program will be delivered:
Twin Cities only

External accrediting agency for this program:
N/A (related major - Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering program is accredited by ABET)

External accrediting agency address:
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External accrediting agency phone number:
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External accrediting agency Web site URL:
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Frequency of agency review:
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Scheduled time of upcoming review:
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Academic Exchange or Articulation Agreement:
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With the recent approval of the Clean Water Legacy initiatives in the State and national level and resurgence in addressing water quality and proactive environmental
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**Admission Requirements**

**Enter the minimum courses or credits to be completed before admission, if applicable:** No Courses or Credits

**Indicate students that are usually admitted to pre-major status before admission to this major:** No students

**Enter the preferred minimum G.P.A. above 2.0 for students already admitted to the degree-granting college(s) and now seeking entry to the major, if applicable:** No G.P.A. Requirement above 2.0.

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**Explanation of G.P.A. above 2.0 requirements:**

**Explanation of other requirements to be completed before admission:** Pursuing another major at the University of Minnesota.
Program Requirements

Minor length in credits: 19 to 20 credits
How many semesters of a second language are required? No Second Language

Core Group Courses
Students should take at least one course in each of the three core areas of ecological sciences, hydrologic sciences, and ecological engineering design.
At least one course from this subgroup
- BIOL 3407 - Ecology, ENVT (3.0 cr)
- or BIOL 3408W - Ecology, ENVT, WI (3.0 cr)
- or BIOL 3807 - Ecology, ENVT (4.0 cr)
- or EEB 4068 - Plant Physiological Ecology (3.0 cr)
- or LA 3204 - Landscape Ecology (3.0 cr)
At least one course from this subgroup
- CE 4501 - Hydrologic Design (4.0 cr)
- or BBE 5513 - Watershed Engineering (3.0 cr)
At least one course from this subgroup
- BBE 4523 - Water Management Engineering (3.0 cr)
- or BBE 5523 (Approval Pending)

Additional Courses
In addition to the core courses, the students must take 10 or more credits from the following list of courses.
- BBE 3023 - Engineering Principles of Soil-Water-Plant Processes (3.0 cr)
- or BBE 4533 - Agricultural Waste Management Engineering (3.0 cr)
- or BBE 4013 - Transport in Biological Systems (4.0 cr)
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- or CE 4351 - Groundwater Mechanics (3.0 cr)
- or CE 4352 - Groundwater Modeling (3.0 cr)
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- or CE 4502 - Water and Wastewater Treatment (3.0 cr)
- or CE 4512 - Open Channel Hydraulics (4.0 cr)
- or CE 4561 - Solid Hazardous Wastes (3.0 cr)
- or CE 5541 - Environmental Water Chemistry (3.0 cr)
- or CE 5581 - Water Resources: Individuals and Institutions (3.0 cr)
- or EEB 3001 - Ecology and Society, ENVT (3.0 cr)
- or EEB 3603 - Science, Protection, and Management of Aquatic Environments (3.0 cr)
- or EEB 4014 - Ecology of Vegetation (3.0 cr)
- or EEB 4609W - Ecosystem Ecology, WI (3.0 cr)
- or EEB 4611 - Biogeochemical Processes (3.0 cr)
- or EEB 5601 - Limnology (3.0 cr)
- or ESPM 3101 - Conservation of Plant Biodiversity, ENVT (3.0 cr)
- or ESPM 3111 - Hydrology and Water Quality Field Methods (3.0 cr)
- or ESPM 5111 - Hydrology and Water Quality Field Methods (3.0 cr)
- or ESPM 3245 - Sustainable Land Use Planning and Policy, ENVT (3.0 cr)
- or ESPM 3251 - Natural Resources in Sustainable International Development, ENVT, IP (3.0 cr)
- or ESPM 3603 - Environmental Life Cycle Analysis (3.0 cr)
- or ESPM 3604 - Environmental Management Systems and Strategy (3.0 cr)
- or ESPM 4216 - Contaminant Hydrology (2.0 cr)
- or ESPM 4608 - Bioremediation (2.0 cr)
- or FR 5104 - Forest Ecology (4.0 cr)
- or FR 5114 - Hydrology and Watershed Management (3.0 cr)
- or FR 5204 - Landscape Ecology and Management (3.0 cr)
or GEO 3005 - Earth Resources, C/PE, IP (3.0 cr)
or GEO 4631W - Earth Systems: Geosphere/Biosphere Interactions, WI (3.0 cr)
or GEO 5205 - Fluid Mechanics in Earth and Environmental Sciences (3.0 cr)
or GEO 5108 - Principles of Environmental Geology (3.0 cr)
or GEO 5701 - General Hydrogeology (3.0 cr)
or SUST 3003 - Sustainable People, Sustainable Planet, ENVT, C/PE (3.0 cr)

Sub-plans

Sub-plan requirement for this program: No

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How frequently is this program reviewed by the agency?

If "Other," describe the frequency below:

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Budget and Planning

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Other Program Assumptions (e.g., transfer of effort from other colleges, new funding sources)

Regarding new revenues, beginning with Year 3, estimate a corresponding increase over the next years based on prevailing tuition rate. Regarding consultant/adjunct costs, beginning with Year 3 estimate adjustment based on inflation.

No Additional Costs.

If you are projecting no additional costs, please explain (i.e., what will you stop doing so that you can do this program)

The courses are currently being offered by regular faculty and one adjunct faculty; the proposed minor will increase the student enrollment and hence increase the revenue at no additional costs (other than minimal compensation for adjunct).

General Information | Narrative | Admission | Program | Sub-plan | Sample Plan | Checkpoint Chart | Executive summary (new window)
Program Title: Ecological Engineering Minor

NOTE: The sample plan below may not include all possible course options. Check the program requirements for additional courses that can work with your four-year plan.

Admission Requirements

Is there a minimum number of courses or credits to be completed before admission? No Courses or Credits

Number of courses or credits:

Are any students usually admitted to pre-major status before admission to this major? No students

Is there a preferred minimum G.P.A. above 2.0 for students already admitted to the degree-granting college(s) and now seeking entry to the major? No G.P.A. Requirement above 2.0.

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Explanation of G.P.A. above 2.0 requirements:

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Required course(s): Any course group or subgroup enclosed by square brackets [] has been designated as a checkpoint.

No course groups currently exist.
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Program Requirements

Minor length in credits: 19 to 20

How many semesters of a second language (or equivalent proficiency) are required for this degree? 0

If appropriate, specify the second language required: No Second Language

Other requirements, if applicable:

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Course Group Name: Core Group Courses

Course Group Description: Students should take at least one course in each of the three core areas of ecological sciences, hydrologic sciences, and ecological engineering design.

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Focus course groups: Title for this set of focuses: (limited to 100 characters)

Level of focuses:
Upper Division Focuses

Description for this set of focuses: (limited to 500 characters)

Use of the "focus" course group section is optional. Enter requirements as "focus" course groups when:

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