

# MUSEUM, FIELD, AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION MINOR

## Interdisciplinary Minor

The Museum, Field, and Community Education Minor is designed to prepare students from a range of disciplines to serve as educators in places other than schools. Many professionals in “informal education” fields like environmental and outdoor education, arts education, museum education, public history, and archaeology and biological archaeology speak of a need for professionals who can supplement content knowledge (from a college major) with skills in communication, educational theory and design, interpersonal dynamics, and professionalism and who have applied, hands-on experience with children / learners and a variety of internships in related fields. Classes in this minor provide students with a strong foundation in educational theory and communication and an opportunity to deepen content area expertise. Courses are supplemented with fieldwork experiences at community education sites around the Washington College campus, and with internship experiences near and far.

Experiential learning is at the heart of the Museum, Field, and Community Education Minor. We can offer both world-class and small-but-mighty observation and internship opportunities. Because of our location, Washington College students experience a wide range of informal learning environments and consider what each has to offer to their understanding of what it means to teach and learn in places other than school. We have access to large-scale museum, field, and community learning experiences at nationally regarded locations in Washington, Baltimore, and Philadelphia, and other regional cities. Kent County itself is also rich with environment, history, and arts organizations that have, and will continue, to provide opportunities to see how small organizations undertake the work of educating the public.

Students completing the Minor will be prepared to work as educators in a wide variety of non-school contexts by:

Developing skills and experiences in...

- designing and evaluating learning experiences
- communicating successfully through a variety of media and technologies to a variety of audiences
- leveraging interdisciplinary methods for real-world problem solving
- engaging in public-centered scholarship and community building
- gaining hands-on experience educating outside traditional school spaces

Deepening their content knowledge to...

- understand the cultural, contextual, and individual variables that shape human learning
- understand the contexts in which informal learning occurs
- explore the specific instructional programs and strategies employed in different content areas
- build deeper content knowledge in the field in which they intend to teach

## Museum, Field, & Community Education Minor Requirements

The following courses are required for the completion of the Museum, Field, and Community Education minor. Courses listed as special topics, or other upper-level classes may be counted towards the minor with permission of the advisor.

Code	Title	Credits	Notes
<b>Core Courses</b>		<b>8</b>	
EDU 252	Educational Psychology		
EDU 341	Designing&Measuring Learning Experience		
<b>Select 2 Communication Courses From Below</b>		<b>8</b>	
ANT 300	Language and Culture		
ANT 354	Visual Anthropology <sup>1</sup>		
ART 231	Creative Process		
ART 251			
CMS 150	Public Speaking		
CMS 250	Intermediate Comm & Media Theory		
CMS 260	Video Editing		
CMS 261	Video Production		
EDU 307	Literacy in the Content Area <sup>2</sup>		
EDU 318	Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in Ed		
ENG 201	The Art of Rhetoric		

ENG 221	Introduction to Nonfiction	_____
ENG 224	Introduction to Journalism	_____
ENV 294	Special Topics	_____
<b>Select 1 Field Experience Course From Below</b>		<b>1</b>
EDU/ENV 115	Environmental Ed Clinical Field Exp (one credit)	_____
EDU 117	Museum, Field, Comm Ed Experience (one credit)	_____
EDU 218	Clinical Field Exper - Human Development (one credit)	_____
<b>Internship Experience</b>		<b>2</b>
EDU 374	Museum, Field & Comm. EDU Internship	_____
<b>Select 8 Credits From 1 of the 2 Areas: Arts &amp; Heritage OR Science &amp; Field</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>27</b>

<sup>1</sup> ANT 105 Introduction to Anthropology prerequisite

<sup>2</sup> EDU 251 Principles of Education prerequisite

<sup>3</sup> One course must be an introductory course (100-level) and the other an upper-level course (200- or 300-level) from the same department. Substitutions may be made with permission of the Director of the Minor.

## Arts and Heritage

Anthropology (courses in Anthropology)

Art

Dance

Music

History

Theatre

## Science and Field

Anthropology (courses in Archaeology)

Art (courses in Environmental and Green Art)

Biology

Chemistry

Environmental Science and Studies

Physics

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## Major

- Anthropology Major (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/anthropology-archaeology/anthropology-major/>)
- Art Major, Art History Concentration (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/art-art-history/art-history-concentration/>)
- Art Major, Dual Concentration (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/art-art-history/dual-concentration/>)
- Art Major, Studio Art Concentration (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/art-art-history/studio-art-concentration/>)
- Environmental Science Major (BS) (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/environmental-science-studies/environmental-science-bs/>)
- Environmental Studies Major (BA) (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/environmental-science-studies/environmental-studies-ba/>)
- History Major (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/history/history-major/>)

- Human Development Major (without Teacher Certification) (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/education/human-development-major-without-teacher-certification/>)
- Human Development Major (with Teacher Certification) (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/education/human-development-major-teacher-certification/>)

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- Education Studies Minor (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/education/education-studies-minor/>)
- Environmental Studies Minor (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/environmental-science-studies/environmental-science-studies-minor/>)
- History Minor (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/history/history-minor/>)