The Minor in Human Ecology focuses on understanding the relationship between humans and their environment, including long-term human adaptation and evolution, human impacts on the environment, responses to climate change, the emergence of social complexity, agriculture, food security, and resource extraction and environmental degradation such as mining and pollution. The Minor in Human Ecology prepares students to address pressing issues involving the human-environment relationship and obtain employment in public archaeology, ecology, natural history, education, public health, social ecology, and related fields.

The Minor in Human Ecology consists of six courses totaling 18 credits. This includes two required courses that provide basic knowledge of the human-environmental interface. Students can then choose among three intermediate courses depending upon their interests within Human Ecology. Finally, students can choose three electives from a number of other courses within the department that address human ecology, listed below. The full list of Anthropology courses with descriptions can be found on the Anthropology Department website:

https://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/ANTHRO/Web_Pages/Courses.html

The Minor in Human Ecology can be easily combined with Majors in other departments. If combined with a Major in Anthropology, four of the six courses (12 of the 18 credits) can overlap between the Major and the Minor and only 2 extra courses (6 extra credits) are required.

Requirements for the Minor in Human Ecology

Two required courses:
- ANTH 102 Introduction to Human Evolution
- ANTH 103 Introduction to Archaeology

Plus one of the following courses:
- ANTH 201 Essentials of Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 240 Essentials of Archaeology
- ANTH 260 Essentials of Biological Anthropology

Three elective courses:
- ANTH 201 Essentials of Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 240 Essentials of Archaeology
- ANTH 241 The Aztecs, Maya, and Olmecs
- ANTH 243 Archaeology of North America
- ANTH 245 Archaeology of South America
- ANTH 246 Archaeology of the Near East
- ANTH 246W Archaeology of the Near East Writing Intensive
- ANTH 247 Archaeology of Africa
- ANTH 248 World of the Vikings
- ANTH 249 Topics in Archaeological Area Studies
- ANTH 256 Archaeology of Food
- ANTH 259 Topics in Archaeology
- ANTH 260 Essentials of Biological Anthropology
- ANTH 262 The Nonhuman Primates
- ANTH 264 Faunal Analysis
- ANTH 270 Evolutionary Medicine
- ANTH 271 Human Biology
- ANTH 279 Topics in Biological Anthropology
- ANTH 302 Ecology and Culture
- ANTH 340 Archaeological Method and Theory
- ANTH 342 Origins of Complex Society
- ANTH 350 Seminar in Archaeology
- ANTH 361 Human Variation
- ANTH 361W Human Variation Writing Intensive
- ANTH 362 Human Paleontology
- ANTH 363 Interpreting the Human Skeleton
- ANTH 368 Evolution and Human Behavior
- ANTH 369 Primate Behavior and Ecology
- ANTH 370 Seminar in Biological Anthropology
- ANTH 375 The Human-Primate Interface

Note: only one of these may be an "essentials" course, i.e., Anth 201, 240, 260