

APPALACHIAN CULTURES & ENVIRONMENTS

What is it?

The Appalachian Cultures and Environments (APCE) minor provides students with an understanding of the **places, cultures, histories, artistic expressions, ecologies, and politics of the Appalachian region** historically and currently. Courses within the minor examine socioeconomic and environmental conditions in Southwest Virginia, and Appalachia more broadly, and illuminate ways in which Appalachian places and issues are inextricably linked to global places and issues.



Why do it?

The minor develops **critical and analytical skills** and a deeper understanding of the Appalachian region valuable in a wide variety of fields, including engineering, agriculture, communication, education, environmental sciences, the arts, geography, health, law, public history, public policy, and social work. Students completing this minor will acquire **hands-on learning experiences** that will enhance their **employment opportunities**.



Who is it for?

This minor is valuable to **STEM-H students**, allowing them to complete the distribution requirements in discourse, humanities, social sciences, design and arts, and equity less likely to be met in their major. Additionally, this minor serves **students wishing to enrich their knowledge of Appalachia** and their understanding about issues of equity and identity related to the region in which they were raised and/or currently live.

Pathways Core Concepts

- 1a - Advanced Discourse
- 2 - Critical Thinking in the Humanities
- 7 - Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States

Additional concepts possible depending on elective choices

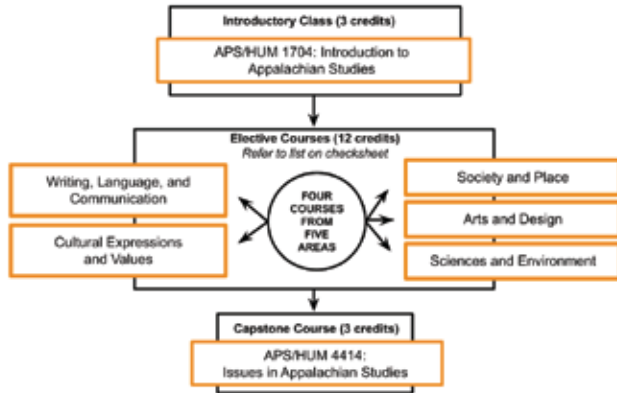
Pathways Integrative Concepts

- Ethical Reasoning
- Intercultural and Global Awareness

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Requirements

The 18-hour minor in Appalachian Cultures and Environments includes a 3-hour introductory course, 12 hours of elective courses chosen from five areas, and a 3-hour capstone course.



Required courses

APS/HUM 1704: Introduction to Appalachian Studies

APS/HUM 4414: Issues in Appalachian Studies

Elective courses

Based on their majors, interests, and personal career goals, students select 12 credit hours of elective courses from across five areas of study. One course must be 3000-level or higher, and at least one must be a Pathways course. For a complete list of elective courses, consult the checksheet at <https://registrar.vt.edu/graduation-multi-brief/index1.html>.



- Explore the ways in which Americans have imagined the Appalachian region over time.
- Work with humanistic problems of cultural identity, race and ethnicity, place and globalization, and impacts of natural resource extraction.
- Conduct research on environmental and community issues relevant to Appalachia.

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