

NATURAL HISTORY MINOR:

The study and practice of natural history is fundamental to our existence as human beings and is foundational to our relationship with the natural world. Naturalists use field methods that emphasize observation, identification, description and interpretation. Coursework blends natural sciences with training in field journaling, keeping species accounts and species lists, and related interpretive skills such as illustration and education. Naturalists find livelihoods as naturalist guides, park interpreters, environmental educators, outdoor program instructors, field technicians and conservation consultants. The Natural History Minor is designed to complement studies in other areas such as Outdoor Education, Environmental Humanities, Sustainable Agriculture and related Self-Designed majors.

Coursework:

Foundational:

- ___ NS 235: Natural History of the North Woods (4)
- ___ NS 328: Vertebrate Natural History (4)

Intermediate Natural Sciences (choose two):

- ___ NS 260 Geology (4)
 - ___ NS 360 Winter Ecology (4)
 - ___ NS 312 Field Ornithology (3)
 - ___ NS 314 Field Botany of Flowering Plants (3)
 - ___ NS 372 Marine Natural History of the North Atlantic (3) *FIELD*
 - ___ NS 342 Natural History of the Sierra Nevada (3) *FIELD*
 - ___ ST in NS 343 Natural History of the Southern Rockies (2) *FIELD*
 - ___ NS 305 Wetland Ecology (3)
 - ___ ST in NS 380 Field Botany of Cryptogams (3)
 - ___ ST in NS 380 Fungal Ecology (3)
- (or other relevant Natural Sciences courses)

Interpretation courses (choose at least two):

- ___ HM 222 Black River Sketches (2)
 - ___ HM 272 Studio Art Drawing and Painting (2)
 - ___ ST in HM 3xx Natural History Illustration: Materials and Techniques (3)
 - ___ HM 326 Nature Writing (3)
 - ___ NS/SS 255: Environmental Education: Elementary School Outreach (3)
 - ___ SS 330: Experiential Curriculum Design (3)
 - ___ ST in INT 2xx: Nature Mentoring (3)
- (or other relevant Humanities, Social Sciences or Integrative courses)