**Mountain Studies Minor**

Mountain Studies is an interdisciplinary field of study focusing on the physical and human dimensions of mountain environments. Coursework in the minor emphasizes physical geography and mountain-society interactions, including a critical analysis of the processes of change and influence shaping local and regional mountain environments today. The minor in Mountain Studies takes advantage of existing faculty expertise and an array of courses to provide students with a science-based curriculum and global perspective. Students pursuing the minor in mountain studies will develop knowledge and skills appropriate for graduate study and for working with government and non-government agencies and groups.

**College Humanities & Sciences**

**Degree Specific Credits:** 18

**Required Cumulative GPA:** 2.5

**Catalog Year:** 2017-2018

**Note:** In addition to completing the requirements for a major in any discipline, students electing the minor in Mountain Studies must have a GPA of 3.0 in the major and complete a minimum of 18 additional credits in this minor.

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**Upper Division Core**

**Rule:** Must complete all of the following courses

- **GPHY 314** Global Mountain Environments 3
- **GPHY 338** Mountains and Society 3

**Total Hours** 6

**Minimum Required Grade:** C-

**Region-Specific Mountain Studies**

**Note:** Two sections of NRSM 391 may be taken to fulfill this requirement, each for 3 credits:

1. Community and Conservation in the Northern Rockies
2. Ecological Restoration in Greater Yellowstone

Select 6 credits from the following:

- **BIOE 342** Field Ecology
- **BIOE 416** Alpine Ecology
- **BIOO 101N** Survey MT Wildlife & Habitats
- **BIOO 335** Rocky Mountain Flora
- **GPHY 144** Glacier National Park in Winter

**Total Hours** 6

**Minimum Required Grade:** C-

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**Total Hours** 6

**Minimum Required Grade:** C-

**General Mountain Studies**

**Note:** One section of NRSM 311 fulfills this requirement: Conservation Biology in the Northern Rockies

Select 6 credits from the following:

- **BIOE 451** Landscape Ecology
- **ERTH 303N** Weather and Climate
- **FORS 330** Forest Ecology
- **GEO 391** Special Topics
- **GEO 433** Global Tectonics
- **GEO 488** Snow, Ice and Climate
- **GPHY 311N** Biogeography
- **NRSM 311** Field Stds ecol/Human Commun
- **NRSM 385** Watershed Hydrology
- **PTRM 482** Wilderness & Protctd Area Mgt

**Total Hours** 6

**Minimum Required Grade:** C-