1. Can I pursue this minor with my major? All undergraduates at Cornell can participate in the Sustainable Energy Systems minor. Students can take courses toward the minor while completing their undergraduate major.

2. What are the requirements for the minor? The minor requires six courses (18+ credits). Two of the minor courses can overlap with a required major course. At least two courses must be taken from each of the four breadth categories. Each course used to satisfy the minor must be taken for a letter grade, if that option exists. The course offerings are listed in detail on this web page <http://www.engineering.cornell.edu/academics/undergraduate/curriculum/handbook/2010/minors/energy.cfm>.

3. How do I officially affiliate with the minor? Participation in the Sustainable Energy Systems minor is informal. Students can take courses toward the minor and then a few weeks prior to graduation a minor certification form must be submitted to the minor coordinator for verification.

4. I know that only 2 courses that I choose to take can be from my major but I was wondering if the courses could satisfy the minor requirements and, at the same time, also satisfy my major requirements? If the courses are electives selected from a list then an overlap is acceptable. However, if the course is required for everyone in the major then only 2 courses can count toward both.

5. I’m not sure if I have the background to take courses in engineering? As you decide which minor course to enroll in always check the prerequisites or consult with the instructor about the suitability of your background.

6. How do I know if I’m taking the right courses to receive the minor? Develop a course plan to confirm that you are on track to complete the minor. List the courses for the minor by the semester you plan to complete it and note the category it will satisfy. Make sure to check for time conflicts. If you are still not sure that the courses will be accepted then you can send an email to <cad1@cornell.edu> listing the courses for the minor and the categories they will satisfy.

7. What if I see a relevant course that is not on the list of courses for the minor? Check the list of courses newly approved for the minor on the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future Minors in Sustainability web page, the minor is listed under the heading Multidepartmental.

8. How can I petition for an exception to the minor requirements? A petition form is available on the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future Minors in Sustainability web page, the minor is listed under the heading Multidepartmental. Drop it off to the minor coordinator, Carol Casler in 226 Olin Hall. A copy of the approved petition must be included with the minor certification form.

9. How do I receive credit for completing the minor? A few weeks prior to graduation you will need to complete and submit a minor certification form to Carol Casler in 226 Olin Hall. Minor certification forms are available in the Engineering Advising Office in 167 Olin Hall. The forms will be audited after graduation. The minor will be officially posted to your transcript by your home college, usually in the summer. Students must successfully complete all the requirements for a Bachelors degree before a minor will be approved or posted.

10. Will the minor be recognized on commencement day? Your major degree must be completed before a minor can be awarded. Minor forms won’t be audited until after your degree has been posted to your academic record. The minor will be recognized by a notation recorded on your official transcript. This usually is posted by your home college a few months after graduation.