

Master Syllabus

HUM 1135 - Environmental Ethics

Division: Liberal Arts, Communication and Social Sciences

Department: Humanities

Credit Hour Total: 3.0

Lecture Hrs: 3.0

Date Revised: June 2014

Course Description:

Overview of philosophical and ethical dimensions of the environmental crisis, such as environmental politics, animal rights and nonwestern views.

General Education Outcomes:

- ❑ Oral Communication
- ❑ Written Communication
- ❑ Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- ❑ Values/Citizenship/Community
- ❑ Computer Literacy
- ❑ Information Literacy

Course Outcomes:

Theory and issues in environmental ethics

Discuss and analyze the essential facts, ideas and personalities in the environmental ethics field.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Assessment Method: Portfolios

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Feasibility of environmental ideas and theories

Compare, contrast, analyze, and discuss selected ideas and theories related to environmentalism with a view to their merits and weaknesses.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Assessment Method: Portfolios

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Personal philosophy

Participate in class discussions based on core texts and develop a personal philosophy toward environmental issues, behavior and activism.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Assessment Method: Portfolios

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Outline:

History of ethical theory
History of environmental thought, concentrating on the US
Conservation and mainstream ideas
Literature of the environmental movement
Animal rights
Eco-psychology
Bioregionalism
Non-western environmental thought
Environmental science
Social ecology
Deep ecology
Ecofeminism
Christian approaches to environmentalism