

## 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

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### 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 Competency
- Written Communication Competency
- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Competency
- Values/Citizenship/Community Competency
- Computer Literacy Competency
- Information Literacy Competency

### 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