Special course offerings on...

Philosophy and Environmentalism

Register for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021!

**PHL 158: Introduction to Environmental Ethics and Justice**

This course will provide an introduction to philosophical questions about ethics and the environment, including different conceptions of and attitudes toward nature; whether our approach to environmental problems should be human-focused or nature-focused; whether some forms of life (such as animals) should be given greater moral consideration than others; and others.

Special emphasis will be placed on concepts of environmental justice, which is the question of how benefits and burdens of environmental use should be distributed, and whether they are currently distributed fairly. The course will apply these concepts to pressing contemporary issues such as pollution, extinction, and climate change.

**Fall 2020**

- 🔁 WI section available
- ✔️ Satisfies UP IV-A

**PHL 328: Animal Ethics**

This course is an in-depth study of the moral status of nonhuman animals. What obligations, if any, do human beings have toward animals? Can we justifiably use animals as we wish, or are there ethical limits? Do animals have rights? This course will look at some of the ways historical and contemporary thinkers have answered these questions.

These ideas will then be applied to current issues such as bioengineering animals (or our sake or theirs), keeping animals captive in zoos and aquariums, raising animals for food, animal research, and hunting.

*Recommended: One prior course in PHL.*

**Spring 2021**

- Do non-human animals have... minds? language? rights?
- Are there moral limits to how humans may use animals?
- What about... bioengineering, wildlife, experimentation?