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# **Introduction to the Environmental Humanities**

MWF 11:00am – 11:50pm  
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Over the past few years, nature has imposed a new order on humanity in a way that we have not before experienced. To understand what we have been through, what we are still going through, and how we can survive and perhaps, even, flourish in the new normal ahead of us, the Environmental Humanities are more important than ever. This course will provide students with an overview of the complex problems and interdisciplinary approaches that define the Environmental Humanities.

This 3-credit course fulfills the UK Core Requirement: [Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities](#).

Reading selections include (among others):

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| 1. Alaimo, Stacy<br><i>Bodily Natures: Science, Environment, and the Material Self</i> | 6. Gaard, Greta<br>"The Coronavirus as Messenger"                           | 11. Plumwood, Val<br>"A Wombat Wake"  |
| 2. Armstrong, Capone, McFarlane<br>"Coronavirus is a wake-up call"                     | 7. Haraway, Donna<br><i>When Species Meet</i>                               | 12. Shiva, Vandana<br><i>Biopiracy: The Plunder of Nature and Knowledge</i>     |
| 3. Coetzee, J.M.<br><i>The Lives of Animals</i>  | 8. Kimmerer, Robin Wall<br><i>Braiding Sweetgrass</i>                       | 13. Tsing, Anna<br>"Unruly Edges: Mushrooms as Companion Species"               |
| 4. Descartes, René<br>On the beast-machine theory                                      | 9. Kohn, Edward<br><i>How Forests Think</i>                                 | 14. Von Uexküll, Jakob<br><i>A Stroll Through the Worlds of Animals and Men</i> |
| 5. Di Chiro, Giovanna<br>"Environmental Justice"                                       | 10. Nixon, Rob<br><i>Slow Violence and the Environmentalism of the Poor</i> | 15. Wright, Laura<br>A Plague Genealogy   |