PHIL 4700:
Environmental Ethics

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Purpose of Course

To study the history of environmental ethics or philosophy, especially the influence of Aldo Leopold, the role of religion, and the history of ideas behind environmental thought. Emphasis will also be placed on its relationship with animal welfare ethics and environmental economics.

Readings (in the order that they will be covered)

Leopold, A Sand County Almanac (Ballantine)
Cobb, Is It Too Late? A Theology of Ecology
Hargrove, Foundations of Environmental Ethics (EE Books)
Hargrove, ed., Animal Rights/Environmental Debate (SUNY)
Sagoff, The Economy of the Earth (Cambridge University Press)

Grading

The grade in the course will be based on class participation (primarily attendance), a midsemester exam, and a final exam. The exams will be a combination of short answer and essay. Students may write an optional paper for extra credit. The paper should be 10 doubled-spaced pages with footnotes. The topic must be approved in advance. Each exam will count 50% of the course. If an optional paper is written, the exams will count 40% each and the paper 20%. Students found guilty of plagiarism, cheating, or class disruption will receive an F in the class.

Final Exam: May 9: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m
Reading Assignments

**Leopold: A Sand County Almanac**

Jan 15: “Thinking Like a Mountain” (pp. 137–41)
   “Round River” (pp. 188–202)

Jan 17 & 22: “The Land Ethic” (pp. 237–64)

**Cobb: Is It Too Late?**

Jan 24: Chaps. 1–3 (pp. 5–20)
Jan 27: Chaps. 4–5 (pp. 21–30)
Jan 29: Chaps. 6–8 (pp. 31–44)
Jan 31: Chaps. 9–11 (pp. 45–58)
Feb 3: Chaps. 12–14 (59–66)

**Hargrove: Foundations of Environmental Ethics**

Feb 5-7: Chap. 1 (pp. 13–45)
Feb 10-12: Chap. 2 (pp. 49–75)
Feb 14-17: Chap. 3 (pp. 77–104)
Feb 19: Presentation: Why We Think Nature is Beautiful
Feb 21-24: Chap. 5 (pp. 137-161)
Feb 26-28: Chap. 6 (pp. 168–85; 198)
Mar 3: Afterword (pp. 206-215)
Mar 5: Midsemester Exam Review
Mar 7: Midsemester Exam
Mar 10 to 16: Spring Break
Mar 17: Midsemester Exam Returned

**Hargrove: Animal Rights/Environmental Ethics Debate**

Mar 19: Watson (pp. 1–34)
Mar 21: Callicott (pp. 37–61)
Mar 24: Norton (pp. 76–90)
Mar 26: Midgley (pp. 121–35)
   Callicott (pp. 137–47)

Mar 28: Hargrove 151-179)
Mar 31: Warren (pp. 185–206)
   Midgley (pp. 211–15)

Apr 2: Callicott (pp. 249–59)

**Sagoff: Economy of the Earth**

Apr 4: Chap. 2 (pp. 24-45)
Apr 7: Chap. 3 (pp. 46-66)
Apr 9: Chap. 4 (pp. 67-86)
Apr 11: Chap. 5 (pp. 87-109)
Apr 14: Chap. 6. (pp. 110-136)
Apr 16: Chap. 7 (pp. 137-156)
Apr 18: Chap. 9 (pp. 175-193)
Apr 21: Deep Ecology
Apr 23: Ecofeminism
Apr 25: Environmental Pragmatism
Apr 28: Review
Apr 30: Review
May 5: Final Exam (1:30-3:30)

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§ The University of North Texas is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of federal equal opportunity legislation; reference Public Law 92-112 – The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. With the passage of new federal legislation entitled Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), pursuant to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, there is renewed focus on providing this population with the same opportunities enjoyed by all citizens.

§ Drop/Withdrawal Information, and other important Academic Dates can be found at http://esse.unt.edu/registrar/schedule/scheduleclass.html.
A Guide to Footnoting Your Paper

Your paper should be double-spaced with the footnotes. You should email a digital copy of the paper to hargrove@unt.edu when you turn in the paper. Footnotes can be placed at the bottom of the page or at the end. Providing proper information in the proper format reduces errors. It is no more difficult to type footnotes right than to type them wrong.

The form of footnotes is fairly simple. A footnote for a book looks like this:


The title of the book should be underlined or italicized. The title is not followed by a comma. The facts of publication are inclosed in parentheses. If place of publication requires a state, use the abbreviation, not the two-letter postal code. The page number or numbers are preceded by “p.” or “pp.” Volume number goes between the facts of publication and the page number.

A journal article looks like this:


The journal title is not followed by a comma. The issue number is not necessary if each issue in a volume continues the numbering of the previous issue. The year of publication is enclosed in parentheses and followed by a colon. This is the only occasion when a colon is used. The page number is not preceded by “p.” or “pp.”

For subsequent notes, use the last name of the author, a short title, and the page number or “Ibid.” rather than “op. cit.” or “loc. cit."

5 Ibid., p. 315.
6 Ibid.

“Ibid.” is in roman type, not italics. When citing more than one page, use the two numbers only for the last page, unless other numbers change (“pp. 298-301”).

For other problems, look at any issue of *Environmental Ethics* or *The Chicago University Press Manual of Style*. You are not expected to become an expert in these matters. However, doing the obvious things right and providing complete information in blurry cases will reduce work for you and the editors later in your future career.