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 Ethics Debate (SUNY)
Sagoff, The Economy of the Earth, 2nd ed. (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 45% of the course. If an optional paper is written, the exams will count 35% each and the paper 20%. Participation is 10%. Students found guilty of plagiarism, cheating, or class disruption will receive an F in the class.

Final Exam: May 12: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Reading Assignments

**Leopold: A Sand County Almanac**

Jan 22: “The Land Ethic” (pp. 237–64)
Jan 27: “Thinking Like a Mountain” (pp. 137–41)
            “Round River” (pp. 188–202)

**Cobb: Is It Too Late?**

Jan 29: Chaps. 1–3 (pp. 5–20)
Feb 3 Chaps. 4–6 (pp. 21–35)
Feb 5: Chaps. 7-8 (pp. 36-44)
Feb 10: Chaps. 9-13 (pp. 45-66)

**Hargrove: Foundations of Environmental Ethics**

Feb 12: Chap. 1 (pp. 14–45)
Feb 17: Chap. 2 (pp. 48–75)
Feb 19: Chap. 3 (pp. 77–104)
Feb 24: Presentation: Why We Think Nature is Beautiful
Feb 26: Chap. 5 (pp. 137-161)
Mar 6: Chap. 6 (pp. 165–85; 191-198)
Mar 5: Afterword (pp. 206-215)
Mar 10: Midsemester Exam Review
Mar 12: Midsemester Exam
Mar 16 to 20: Spring Break
Mar 24: Midsemester Exam Returned

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

Mar 26: Watson (pp. 1–34)
Mar 31: Callicott (pp. 37–61)
Mar 24: Norton (pp. 76–90, 92 [note 17])
Apr 2: Midgley (pp. 121–35)
            Callicott (pp. 137–47)
Apr 7: Hargrove 151-179)
Apr 9: Warren (pp. 185–206)
            Midgley (pp. 211–15)
            Callicott (pp. 249-259)

**Sagoff: Economy of the Earth**

Apr 14: Chap. 2 (pp. 24-45)
Apr 16: Chap. 3 (pp. 46-66)
Apr 21: Chap. 4 (pp. 67-86)
Apr 23: Chap. 5 (pp. 87-109)
Apr 28: Chap. 9 (pp. 175-193)
Apr 30: Deep Ecology and Ecofeminism
May 5: Environmental Pragmatism
May 7: Review
May 12: Final Exam (1:30-3:30)

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