Course Description
This course traces the history of ecology and environmentalism from Charles Darwin to current affairs. The global history of ecological concern stays at the center of this course, which discusses environmental worries in the British, German, Scandinavian, African and American contexts in subsequent centuries. The chief focus will be on U.S. experience in trying to deal with organizing nature, environmental preservation and conservation, population growth, environmental design and global warming, among other issues. Various ecological understandings of human philosophy, race, gender, religion, architecture, politics, and economy will be subject to critical discussion.

Papers and assignments
There will be a 12 page midterm paper due October 11 and a 12 page final paper due December 15. Both papers must focus on at least one of the primary sources discussed in class.

All students are expected to maintain the highest standard of academic integrity. Cheating and plagiarism are serious matters and will result in disciplinary action and course failure.

Grading and attendance
Mandatory attendance
20% Course participation
40% Midterm paper
40 % Final paper

Books to borrow or buy:


**Course Outline**

**Sept. 6**  
**Tuesday: Introductory meeting**  
No readings

**Sept. 8**  
**Thursday: The New York Botanical Garden**


**Sept. 13**  
**Tuesday: The American Museum of Natural History**


Theodor Roosevelt, mural quotes at the American Museum of Natural History.


**Sept. 15**  
**Thursday: Henry David Thoreau**


**Sept. 20**  
**Tuesday: John Muir**


Sept. 22  Thursday: British Ecology


Sept. 27  Tuesday: South African Ecology


Sept. 29  Thursday: Bauhaus of Nature


*Anker, From Bauhaus to Ecohouse*, 1-36.

Oct. 4  Tuesday: Nazi Ecology?

Albert Ebner, *German Forests: Treasures of a Nation* (New York: German Library Information, 1940), entire.

Oct. 6  Thursday: Preservation: Ansel Adams


Oct. 11  Tuesday: Conservation: Nature’s New Deal


*Midterm papers due!*

Oct. 13  Thursday: Cold War Ecology


Oct. 18  Tuesday: Capturing Rachel Carson

Carson, *Silent Spring*, entire.


Oct. 20  Thursday: Richard Buckminster Fuller


Anker, *From Bauhaus to Ecohouse*, 68-82.

Oct. 25  Tuesday: Space Ecology

Stewart Brand (ed.), *Space Colonies*, (San Fransico: Waller Press, 1977)

Anker, *From Bauhaus to Ecohouse*, 83-95.

**Oct. 27**

**Thursday: Design with Nature**


Anker, *From Bauhaus to Ecohouse*, 96-131.

**Nov. 1**

**Tuesday: The Whole Earth**


**Nov. 3**

**Thursday: Limits to Growth**


**Nov. 8**

**Tuesday: Paul Ehrlich/Garret Hardin**


**Nov. 10**

**Thursday: Worldly Environmentalism**


Nov. 15  **Tuesday: Fearing the State**


Nov. 17  **Thursday: The Love Canal**


Guest lecturer: [Jeffrey Sachs](#), Sachs Policy Group

Nov. 22  **Tuesday: Machines of Loving Grace: Film**


Nov. 24  **Thursday: Thanksgiving recess! No class.**

Nov. 29  **Tuesday: Ecological Aliens**


Dec. 1  **Thursday: A Global History of Ecology in Norway**

Arne Næss as “The shallow and the deep, long-range ecology movements: A summary,” *Inquiry*, 16 (1973), 95-100.

Dec. 6  **Tuesday: Responding to Global Warming**


Dec. 8 Thursday: Capitalism vs. Climate


Dec. 13 Tuesday: Legislative day (no class)

Dec. 15 Thursday: The End of Ecology


*Final paper due!*