

## SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE

### Course Code, Number, and Title:

PHIL 1120: Environmental Ethics

### Course Format:

[Course format may vary by instructor. The typical course format would be:]

Lecture 4 h + Seminar 0 h + Lab 0 h

**Credits:** 3

**Transfer credit:** For information, visit [bctransferguide.ca](http://bctransferguide.ca)

### Course Description, Prerequisites, Corequisites:

This course will introduce students to the moral issues associated with human interaction with our environment and provide them with the methodology for critically assessing these issues. Topics include: Are animals, plants, and trees entitled to moral consideration? If so, how much and why? How do we fairly distribute the burdens of environmental stewardship between nations and between generations? Do we owe any moral obligations to future generations? Are groups, like species and ecosystems, deserving of moral consideration? Must we promote sustainability? When, if ever, may we engage in acts of violence in order to protect animals and/or the ecosystem?

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

### Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Identify the moral issues associated with the environment, including the moral status of the various entities existing within the environment
- Recognize basic moral concepts, including theories of normative ethics, metaethics and fair distribution of resources, and apply these concepts to the environment and other situations requiring moral consideration
- Recognize the basic components of an argument and how to critically evaluate the claims made in arguments in various philosophical essays
- Effectively develop and present an argument on a philosophical topic in essay form
- Work cooperatively within a group to generate an essay that reflects the varying opinions and reasoning of the participants

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**Office Hours: TBA**

**Textbook and Course Materials:**

[Textbook selection may vary by instructor. An example of texts and course materials for this course might be:]

For textbook information, visit [https://mycampusstore.langara.bc.ca/buy\\_courselisting.asp?selTerm=3|8](https://mycampusstore.langara.bc.ca/buy_courselisting.asp?selTerm=3|8)

Note: *This course may use an electronic (online) instructional resource that is located outside of Canada for mandatory graded class work. You may be required to enter personal information, such as your name and email address, to log in to this resource. This means that your personal information could be stored on servers located outside of Canada and may be accessed by U.S. authorities, subject to federal laws. Where possible, you may log in with an email pseudonym as long as you provide the pseudonym to me so I can identify you when reviewing your class work.*

**Assessments and Weighting:**

**Final Exam** 40%

**Other Assessments %**

(An example of other assessments might be:) %

Assignments: 40%

Project: 20%

Number of assignments: 3-4

Participation format: research of case study and write a report in groups of 4

Number and variety of writing assignments: 3 essays: 1 x 5 pages, 2 8-10 pages

Proportion of individual and group work:

Individual: 80%

Group: 20%

**Grading System:** Letter grade

Specific grading schemes will be detailed in each course section outline.

Passing grade: D (50%)

**Topics Covered:**

[Topics covered may vary by instructor. An example of topics covered might be:]

Consideration of moral issues associated with human interactions with the environment. Topics include: moral theories, moral status of non-human animals, plants, and other natural objects, importance of species and biodiversity; obligations to future generations; sustainable resource use; corporate responsibility; climate change; genetic engineering; and environmental activism.

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As a student at Langara, you are responsible for familiarizing yourself and complying with the following policies:

**College Policies:**

[E1003 - Student Code of Conduct](#)

[F1004 - Code of Academic Conduct](#)

[E2008 - Academic Standing - Academic Probation and Academic Suspension](#)

[E2006 - Appeal of Final Grade](#)

[F1002 - Concerns about Instruction](#)

[E2011 - Withdrawal from Courses](#)

**Departmental/Course Policies:**

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