

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Animals and Sustainability**

Course Number and Section

AESL

1100F 550

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Course Description:

An introduction to the multidisciplinary study of animals, human-animal relationships, and environmental sustainability challenges and opportunities.

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

- a) explain and apply key foundational academic concepts from the social sciences and arts for understanding animals and the environment
- b) understand and explain key interspecies relations and the importance of context
- c) identify and explain how different texts and ways of knowing shape people's understanding of animals and sustainability
- d) demonstrate foundational university-level verbal, written, listening, critical thinking, analytical, collaboration, and argumentation skills
- e) articulate central challenges and possibilities for multispecies wellbeing

Textbooks and Course Materials:

The Tortoise's Tale

<https://www.simonandschuster.ca/books/The-Tortoises-Tale/Kendra-Coulter/9781668080924>

Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Written reflection	10/06/26	10
Test	10/27/26	20
Written responses	Various (/2)	10
In-class essay	11/24/26	20

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Verbal contributions	Continuous	10
Final exam	TBD	30

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

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In-course Costs \$025.95

For Textbooks and Course Materials (below), you are required to include the cost of each textbook or other learning material.

Note whether there are any restrictions that would prevent a student from using a second-hand copy. Here is some suggested text:

- Required textbook: [author, title, edition, publisher, date]. Cost: [insert amount].
 - Or include the weblink of the textbook’s publisher site that includes the cost information.
- Students need to purchase this edition. Second-hand or older editions will not be sufficient.
- OR Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.
- This course has an optional field trip that costs [insert amount].
- This course has a required field component that costs [insert amount].

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