

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Climate Justice**

Course Number and Section

PHILOSOP

3850F 550

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Course Description:

Climate change affects everyone, but some may be affected more adversely or more directly than others. Moreover, the burdens of preventing or mitigating its effects can fall unevenly on different people, depending on factors like race and class. Many Indigenous, environmentalist, anti-racist, feminist and labour movements propose to view these issues through the lens of climate justice. What is climate justice? How might adopting of a climate justice framework impact the law, public policy, and social movements? In this course, we explore the theme of climate justice by delving deeply into a variety of perspectives, including militant anti-capitalism, Indigenous decolonization, and "left populism."

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

The readings, lectures, and class discussions should prepare students to understand, evaluate and apply political and philosophical perspectives on climate justice.

Students should be able to assess the merits of various ways of thinking about the requirements of climate justice and developing strategies to achieve climate justice.

Students should be able to carefully weigh considerations of social justice, democratic legitimacy, ecological sustainability, and public welfare, and to articulate verbally and in writing the implications of these (and other) values for the assessment of particular perspectives on climate justice.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

All course readings will be accessible as library links, PDF or epub files, on the course Brightspace page.

Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Midterm		20%
Essay		30%
Exam		40%

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Attendance & Participation		10%

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In-course Costs \$000.00

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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