

## 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:

- 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 understandings of animals and sustainability
- d) demonstrate foundational university-level verbal, written, critical thinking, analytical, and argumentation skills
- e) articulate central challenges and possibilities for multispecies wellbeing

### Textbooks and Course Materials:

Required book: The Tortoise's Tale: <https://www.simonandschuster.ca/books/The-Tortoises-Tale/Kendra-Coulter/9781668080924>

Other readings are linked or provided through OWL. A feature film is available through various streaming services or can be rented for \$4.99.

### Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Foundational Reflection	10/03/25	10
Verbal Contributions	Ongoing	10
Written Contributions	Various	10

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Midterm	10/16/25	20
In-Class Analysis	11/18/25	25
Final Exam	TBD	25

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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