

## Brief Course Outline

**Course Title:** Ecology, Nature, and Religion

**Course Number and Section**

RELSTUD

2160G 550

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Disclaimer: Information in the brief course outline is subject to change. The syllabus posted on OWL Brightspace is the official and authoritative source of information for the course.

### Course Description:

This course will examine issues of eco-spirituality, climate activism, and eco-justice, in light of our present global climate crisis. The readings, lectures, and discussions will explore Indigenous knowledge and religions, emerging neopagan spiritualities, as well as un-earthing transformative ecological visions in Hinduism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, and Asian religions.

### Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

1. Students will become familiar with the emerging phenomenon of eco-spirituality across a broad range of religious traditions;
2. Students will develop and articulate an understanding of how the ancient resources of global religious traditions can provide ways of addressing ecological degradation and human-made climate change;
3. Students will grow in their ability to creatively and concisely present research to diverse audiences;
4. Students will engage in appropriate research on a topic relevant to the course material in relation to their own interests and growing expertise.

### Textbooks and Course Materials:

There is no textbook to purchase for this course. All readings will be made available on our course OWL website, either as PDFs or links to online resources in the Huron library.

### Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Weekly Engagement	04/01/2026	10
Religious Text Project	01/24/2026	20
Research Paper	02/28/2026	35

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Collaborative Creative Project	03/23/2026	20
Nature Walk Response	04/08/2026	15

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

Thursday, December 11, 2025

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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].