

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Animals in Law and Policy**

Course Number and Section:

GLE

3011G 550

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Course Description:

This course examines the diverse positions of animals in law and policy. It focuses on debates about and strategies for improving animals' social, political, and legal statuses.

Learning Outcomes:

- a) identify, understand, and explain how different groups of animals are positioned in law and policy
- b) explain key debates about animals' social and legal positions and how these relate to public and organizational policies and investments, and develop corresponding arguments
- c) articulate how the threats to and wellbeing of animals and people are distinct as well as connected
- d) demonstrate high quality research and verbal and written communication skills
- e) assess and recommend responsive, proactive, and context-specific plans to protect animals and people

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Coulter, K. (2023) *Defending Animals: Finding Hope on the Front Lines of Animal Protection* (Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press).
Available at the Western Bookstore.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Test or in-class essay (student choice)	February 9	25
Test or in-class essay (student choice)	March 15	25
Final project	April 5	30

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Class contributions	Ongoing	20

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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