

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 in public and private sector policy. It focuses on debates about and strategies for improving animals' social, political, and legal statuses. Central to our work is building your ability to understand and analyse as well as make strategic and context-specific recommendations.

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

- a) identify, understand, and explain how different groups of animals are positioned in law and policy
- b) explain key debates about the legal and social positioning of animals and how these relate to public and organizational policies and investments
- c) articulate how the threats to and wellbeing of animals and people are both distinct and connected
- d) demonstrate high quality verbal and written communication skills
- e) assess and recommend responsive and proactive policies for protecting animals and people

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Required book: Defending Animals: Finding Hope on the Front Lines of Animal Protection. Cambridge (The MIT Press). It is normally available for \$33.95 CAD and can be purchased at the campus bookstore (ask for its location) or ordered through Indigo, Amazon, and other independent bookstores. A hard copy of the book is essential (not an e-book).

Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Verbal contributions	Continuous	15
Written contributions	Six random classes	10

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Rapid policy analyses	Three random classes	20
In-class essays	February 11	25
Final exam	TBD	30

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

Monday, December 8, 2025

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In-course Costs

\$033.95

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].