

# NRM F303X, Environmental Ethics and Actions

## Course Syllabus, Spring Semester 2020

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Tuesdays \* Thursdays, Room 303  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Tuesdays \* Thursdays, Chapman 10.

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### Textbooks:

5. Eschard, Joseph R. (2013) Environmental Ethics: An introduction to environmental philosophy, 1st edition. Wadsworth, Boston, MA. 1#1 p2

8. Ron, Marvin (2003) The Ethical Process: An approach to dilemmas and controversial issues, 3rd edition. Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ. ## p2

Additional readings will be posted on the course Blackboard site.

Office Hours: Generally 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM and by appointment. I maintain an "open door" policy to maximize student access. When in my office, you're welcome to stop by for assistance. If you have trouble finding me, feel free to make an appointment.

NRM 303 is an upper division class. While you will be expected to learn some facts and ideas, the emphasis will be on exploration, thinking, and reflection based on assigned readings. These will be developed through class discussions in which active student participation is expected.

Disabilities: If you have a physical or learning disability, please advise the instructor in writing of any necessary special consideration by the beginning of the 1st week of class. We will do everything reasonable possible to accommodate you in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and university policy.

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Course Goals: Through exploration of the breadth of environmental ethics as a discipline and its application to environmental issues, students will learn:

- to identify and be able to describe the major principles, values, and assumptions underlying alternative positions on environmental issues and ethical approaches.
- to consider/develop and present arguments for one's own view of environmental ethics and engage in ethical analysis of public and private issues.

- to explore the relationship between ethical theory and ethical action% as a basis for individual behavior, public policy and professional codes for environmental and resource managers

Instructional Objectives

For whatever reason, you will incur a 10% point penalty from the total points available for your class participation grade.

Class sessions are primarily an opportunity to discuss the assigned readings in a thoughtful, informed manner. It is only through such dialogue that ideas can be fruitfully explored. The terms "informed" and "thoughtful" are emphasized. To this end it will be imperative that students read and, equally important, ponder the assigned reading material prior to each class. To guide/coerce you to do this, we will employ two strategies. First, we will at times randomly call on students to offer their thoughts on or analysis of the assigned readings. Additionally, in about the 3<sup>rd</sup> week, we will ask students to introduce and summarize each of the readings for class in order to get discussion going. In either case with your general engagement in class discussions, these will comprise the engagement quality of your class participation grade.

Example: If you miss four classes and evaluate the quality of your engagement in class as a mid-range, your class participation grade would be D+ (0.75 \* 0.75 = 0.5625).

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5	Gvjkeu" ("Engct"Vjkmkpi
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7	Gvjkeu<"Qtkikpu" ("Rgturgevxxgu
4135/4137	Gvjkeu."Jwo cpu." ("Xcnwgu
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