





Anthropology (ANTH) 610

Environment in the Anthropocene: Life Beyond the Human (Revision 3)

Status:

Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#)  for the current revision 

Delivery mode:

Grouped study 

Credits:

3

Area of study:

Arts

Prerequisite:

None

Precluded:

None

Faculty:

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences 


Notes:

Students in Grouped-Study courses are advised that this syllabus may vary in key details in each instance of the course. Always refer to the Moodle site for the most up-to-date details on texts, assignment structure, and grading.

Overview

How, as humans, do we look beyond ourselves and learn to think with, and like, other living beings? This seminar explores relationships of respect and reciprocity between humans and more-than-humans, or “communities of life.” These relationships will inform discussions about political ecology, environmental justice, Indigenous environmental knowledge, environmental degradation and conservation, climate change, global networks, and human exceptionalism. Students will be exposed to a range of multispecies perspectives for understanding human relationships with the natural world and what this diverse land-based knowledge might offer for “staying with the trouble” and solving problems of living in the Anthropocene epoch.

Evaluation

To receive credit for this course, students must participate in the online activities, successfully complete the assignments, and achieve a final mark of at least 60 per cent. Students should be familiar with the Master of Arts—Interdisciplinary Studies [grading system](#) . Please note that it is students' responsibility to maintain their program status. Any student who receives a grade of "F" in one course, or a grade of "C" in more than one course, may be required to withdraw from the program.

The following table summarizes the evaluation activities and the credit weights associated with them.

Activity	Weight
Online Participation	20%
Case Study Proposal	10%
Case Study Presentation	25%
Case Study Paper	45%
Total	100%

Materials

Physical course materials

The following course materials are included in a course package that will be shipped to your home prior to your course's start date:





Smart, Alan, and Josephine Smart. *Posthumanism: Anthropological Insights*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2017.

In addition to this print textbook, several online textbooks and articles will be assigned, all of which are available in the course's Digital Reading Room.

Athabasca University Online Materials

All other material for the course, including a Course Information, a Study Guide, information about the assignments, as well as access to the Digital Reading Room and the discussion forums are found on the course home page.

Important links

- › [Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies](#) 
- › [Focus Areas](#) 
- › [Courses](#) 
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