Nebraska Wesleyan University

Humans in the Natural Environment

Catalog

2024-2025

Program Description

“When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe.” --John Muir

This thread models the interconnectedness of the living community by asking students to examine scientific constructs and cultural interpretations of the natural environment from a variety of disciplinary perspectives, and in global historical, social, and political contexts. By exploring themes of connection, expression, change, resilience, accountability, and sustainability, and through community engagement and active participation in natural settings, students should develop a sense of agency and urgency in helping to address vital environmental issues.

This thread is 9 hours.

Students must take at least one course from the 2000 level or above.

Courses in a 9-hour thread must be from a minimum of two departments.

Select Courses to Meet Thread Requirements	
BIO 1300 Introduction to Environmental Science	4 hours
BIO 2300 Ecology and Evolution	4 hours
BIO 3500 Conservation Biology	4 hours
BIO 3530 Principles of Marine Biology and Oceanography	3 hours
BIO 3550 Tropical Ecosystems	3 hours
BIO 4210 Ecology	4 hours
ENG 2270 Topics in World Literature: Environment	4 hours
ENG 3630 Studies in Rhetoric	2 hours
HIST 2610 Environmental History	4 hours
IDS 3240 Experiential Learning - Environmental Thread	1-2 hours
PHYS 1200 Energy and the Global Environment	4 hours
POLSC 2720 Global Environmental Politics	4 hours
SOC 2530 Population and Environment	4 hours
SOC 3210 Thinking SocioLogically: Environment	2 hours
SOC 3530 Environment, Food, and You	4 hours