

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY  
Undergraduate Course Outline 2016-2017**

**Philosophy 2033B: Introduction to Environmental Philosophy  
Previously Philosophy110**

**Winter Term 2017  
MWF 9:30 -10:30  
AHB-1B02**

**Instructor:**

## REQUIREMENTS

Attendance and active participation in discussion; three short (2) written assignments; 2 tests.

x Written Assignments:

# 1 (Due Jan. 20)	10%
# 2 (Due Mar. )24	10%
# 3 (Due Apr 7)	10%

x Tests:

Midterm (Mar. 1)	30%
Final (TBA, exam period)	40%

Assignments are to be handed in by 3:45 the due date. If you are unable to hand your assignment directly to the instructor, place it in the Philosophy Department mailbox on the first floor Stevenson Hall. Make sure that your student number D Q G W K H L Q V W U X F W R are on your assignment. Late assignments will be penalized 5% per day late.

In conformity with departmental policy all written assignments must be submitted to turnitin for plagiarism checking by the due date. Assignments not submitted to turnitin by the due date will be counted as late, and students will not receive credit for written assignments submitted to turnitin.com.

No written work will be accepted after the day of class Apr. 7, 2017

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**INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHY**  
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The topics that we will discuss are divided into a series of modules.

Midterm (March 1): Modules I

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#### V. Beyond Anthropocentrism (2 weeks)

Should moral consideration be extended beyond the human? If so, how? Animals have rights?

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Midterm covers modules V.

#### IV. Information and the Media (2 weeks)

We rely on the media for information about environmental issues. This module is about how we are informed in the face of often conflicting messages.

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Excerpts from Climate CoverUp

#### VII. Corporate Social Responsibility, and Free-Market Environmentalism (2 weeks)

Corporations care about what consumers think, and consumers can use this to put pressure on corporations. Most corporations nowadays spend time, money, and effort on being more socially responsible. Can consumer activism, leading to greater corporate responsibility, lead to real change?

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