

WESTERN UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Undergraduate Course Outline 2021-22

Course Number: PHIL 2355/650

Sustainability: Philosophical Perspectives

Fall Term
Online Course ±Asynchronous

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DESCRIPTION

From governments to transnational corporations to radical environmental organizations, everyone agrees that we should pursue the ideal of sustainability. But what exactly does this mean? What ought to be sustained, and what is required to make that possible? Is sustainability a mere trendy ideology? Is it a justified ethical ideal? Is claiming for sustainability scientifically sound or have we overused the planetary resources to a point of no return? Some experts now suggest that sustainability is feasible, but it requires transformative changes. Inspired by the model-based analysis developed in *limits to Growth*

4. By-weekly short assignments (10% total)
5. By-weekly forum discussions (10% total)

AUDIT

Students wishing to audit the course should consult with the instructor prior to or during the first week of classes.

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ACCOMMODATION

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