

Reading Assignments for PHI 236: Environmental Ethics for Spring 2008 (Version 1.0)

- 01/14 Class Policies and Orientation
01/16 What is Environmental Ethics? (Webnotes)
01/18 Overview of the Main 4 Environmental Ethics Theories (Webnotes)
- 01/21 **MLK Day - No class**
01/23 Richard Sylvan, "Is There a Need for a New, an Environmental, Ethics?" p. 16
01/25 Peter Singer, "All Animals Are Equal?" p. 25
- 01/28 Tom Regan, "Animal Rights, Human Wrongs" p. 39
01/30 Kenneth Goodpaster, "On Being Morally Considerable" p. 53
02/01 Paul Taylor, "The Ethics of Respect for Nature" p. 67
- 02/04 Terry Anderson, "Free Market vs. Political Environmentalism" p. 409
02/06 Ernest Partridge, "With Liberty for Some" p. 430
02/08 Paul Hawken, "A Declaration of Sustainability" p. 419
- 02/11 *FFN* pgs 1 - 57
02/13 *FFN* pgs 59 - 107
02/15 *FFN* pgs 111- 166
- 02/18 *FFN* pgs 169 - 222
02/20 *FFN* pgs 225 - 252
02/22 *FFN* pgs 255 - 270
- 02/25 *REC* pgs 1 - 54
02/27 *REC* pgs 55 - 89
02/29 *REC* pgs 90 - 123
- 03/03 *REC* pgs 124 - 155
03/05 *REC* pgs 156 - 178
03/07 *REC* pgs 179 - 201
- 03/10 **Spring Break - No Class**
03/12 **Spring Break - No Class**
03/14 **Spring Break - No Class**
- 03/17 *HME* pgs 7 - 36
03/19 *HME* pgs 37 - 62
03/21 *HME* pgs 63 - 88
- 03/24 *HME* pgs 89 - 116
03/26 *HME* pgs 117 - 136
03/28 *HME* pgs 137 - 155

- 03/31 *STH* Introduction and Chapter 1: pgs 1 - 26
 04/02 *STH* Chapter 2: pgs 27 - 42
 04/04 *STH* Chapter 3: pgs 43 - 58
- 04/07 *STH* Chapter 4: pgs 59 - 69
 04/09 *STH* Chapters 5 & 6: pgs 69 - 98
 04/11 *STH* Chapters 12 & 13: pgs 175 - 210
- 04/14 Vandana Shiva, "Impoverishment of the Environment" p. 178
 04/16 Noël Sturgon, "Naturalizing Race" p. 228
 04/18 Karren Warren, "Power and Promise of Ecofeminism Revisited" p. 252
- 04/21 Robert Frodeman, "A Sense of the Whole" p. 335
 04/23 J. Baird Callicott, "Animal Rights and Environmental Ethics" p. 130
 04/25 General Discussion
- 04/28 Catch Up Day
 04/30 Catch Up Day
 05/02 Review for Final Exam

The above is the initial version of the readings assignments for PHI 236 for Spring 2008. Any changes made in this reading list will be posted on my website only. No further paper versions will be forthcoming. I have prepared a rather grueling schedule for this semester. Please stay on top of the readings. If you get behind, then take the time to catch up.

I have decided to only place the readings on this list. I envision three short papers and one final paper for the work this semester. There also may be one or two short projects to highlight the importance of some of these topics. Please add these to this list as they arise.

Tentative Due Dates for the papers are: 1. 2/22; 2. 3/07; 3. 3/31; and 4. 5/2

It is my hope that we will not have to use the "stick" and assign exams this semester. I would like the papers to work *in lieu* of exams. However, I reserve the right to issue challenges (my word for exams) as the need arises. Let's hope that the need does not arise.

Unlike previous semesters and other classes I have taught here at ISU, I am not using WebCt for this class. Do check my website for information, et al, daily.

The required book list for this semester are as follows. [Note Abbreviations]
Environmental Philosophy. 4th Edition. Michael Zimmerman et al.
How Much is Enough?. Alan Durning [*HME*]
Silent Theft: The Private Plunder of Our Common Wealth. David Bollier [*STH*]
The Real Environmental Crisis. Jack M. Hollander [*REC*]
Fast Food Nation. Eric Schosser [*FFN*]

The last text was ordered hard back. You may use the softback version of this if available. There was one other text that I would have liked to have used, but what we have ought be sufficient. I also have a number of videos that I would like to use over the course of the semester. These are required viewing. Some are rather intense, but that makes the point.

These videos are available, for the most part, on my website. I will post a link to them on the PHI 236 homepage. These are a small sample of the many, all too many, videos available. Also, I would strongly recommend viewing "An Inconvenient Truth" by Al Gore. Although the politicking in this video is too much for me, the information available in it is worth the watch.

There are also many local organizations available here in the Normal/Bloomington area for recycling and second-cycling of goods. I will post as many of those as I can on my website under a link entitled: For Further Action. I do this because I see this topic not simply as academic, but also a political one.

I may also ask you to do a few out of class projects. These may entail the use of a camera. If you have a digital camera available, then this would be the absolute best. If not, then please make use of whatever camera you have. What you will need to be able to do is get the images fixed into a paper. I also may ask you to visit some local park. None of these excursions will take more than 30 minutes of your time.