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Are the moral traditions that were developed to guide human relations also relevant to interspecies relations? If so, to what extent are they relevant? If not, is it because the theories are ultimately anthropocentric, as some critics argue? Or are they problematic for other reasons? If our traditions fail to justify the interspecies obligations we have gut feelings about, then what other moral visions can we appeal to? And, importantly, how is environmental philosophy relevant to our environmental crisis?

1/27 Hello, business, introductory remarks
1/29-1/31 Chap. 1, all, Foundations of Environmental Philosophy (FE)
2/3 Chap. 2, 24, FE
2/5 Chap. 2, FE, exercises p. 25-26, 33-34
2/7 Chap. 3, FE: 36-40, White
2/10 Chap. 3, FE: Passmore
2/12 Chap. 4, FE: 78-87, Regan
2/14 Chap. 4, FE: You decide!
Chap. 5, FE: 141-150, Singer
2/19 Chap. 5, FE: Regan
2/21 Group work
2/24 Chap. 5, FE: Cohen
2/26 Chap. 5, FE: You decide! [1st paper due]
2/28 Chap. 6, FE: 194-201
3/3 Chap. 6, FE: Taylor
3/5 Taylor, continued
3/7 Taylor, Respect for Nature (RN), Chap. 4
3/10 Taylor, RN, chap. 6
3/12 Taylor, RN, Chap. 6, FE: 244-45
3/24 Chap. 7, FE: 246-257, Leopold
3/26 Leopold: You decide!
3/28 Chap. 8, FE: 315-323
3/31 Chap. 8, FE: Norton
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4/4 Group work [2nd paper due]
4/7 Chap. 8, FE: Hill
4/9 Chap. 8, FE: You decide!
4/11 Chap. 10, FE: 377-390
4/14 Chap. 10, FE: Naess
4/16 Naess, continued
4/18 Chap. 10, FE: Warren
4/21 Warren, continued
4/23 Environmental Racism, Grossman (Xerox)
4/25 Radical American Environmentalism..., Guha (Xerox)
4/28 Chap. 10, FE: You decide! [3rd paper due]

4/30-5/7 Presentations
5/14 Final Exam, 3:20-5:20

Texts

Foundations of Environmental Philosophy, ed. Frederik A. Kaufman
A Respect for Nature, Paul Taylor

Requirements

3 short papers:	45%
Presentation:	20%
Final Exam:	32%
Attendance & participation:	3%