
Term Information

Effective Term Autumn 2022

General Information

Course Bulletin Listing/Subject Area German
Fiscal Unit/Academic Org Germanic Languages & Lit - D0547
College/Academic Group Arts and Sciences
Level/Career Undergraduate
Course Number/Catalog 3354
Course Title From Viking Saga to Climate Fiction: Nature in Nordic and Germanic Literatures
Transcript Abbreviation From Saga to CliFi
Course Description This course explores how sustainable human-nature relationships are conceived, represented, and reflected in the literatures of Nordic and German-speaking countries, from the medieval period to the present—e.g., in Icelandic saga; Gothic Romantic narrative; modern fairy tale; graphic novel; poetry; song; philosophical essay; and climate science-fiction.
Semester Credit Hours/Units Fixed: 3

Offering Information

Length Of Course 14 Week, 12 Week, 8 Week, 7 Week, 6 Week, 4 Week
Flexibly Scheduled Course Never
Does any section of this course have a distance education component? No
Grading Basis Letter Grade
Repeatable No
Course Components Lecture
Grade Roster Component Lecture
Credit Available by Exam No
Admission Condition Course No
Off Campus Never
Campus of Offering Columbus, Lima, Mansfield, Marion, Newark, Wooster

Prerequisites and Exclusions

Prerequisites/Corequisites
Exclusions Not open to students with credit for Scandinavian 3354.
Electronically Enforced Yes

Cross-Listings

Cross-Listings Cross-listed with Scandinavian 3354.

Subject/CIP Code

Subject/CIP Code 16.0501
Subsidy Level Baccalaureate Course
Intended Rank Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior

Requirement/Elective Designation

Sustainability

Course Details

Course goals or learning objectives/outcomes

- German cultural representations and interpretations, views, and concepts of nature: Successful students will learn to explore how literary works from the Germanic tradition represent and reflection on environmental knowledges and practices.
- Major developments in German culture and history: Successful students will learn to explore how literary works from the Germanic tradition represent and reflection on major developments in environmental history and culture.
- Theme Goal 1 Successful students will analyze an important topic or idea at a more advanced and in-depth level than the foundations.
- Successful students can: 1.1 engage in critical and logical thinking about the topic or idea of the theme.
Successful students can: 1.2 engage in an advanced, in-depth, scholarly exploration of the topic or idea of the theme.
- Theme Goal 2 Successful students will integrate approaches to the theme by making connections to out-of-classroom experiences with academic knowledge or across disciplines and/or to work they have done in previous classes & anticipate doing in future
- Successful students can:
 - 2.1 identify, describe, & synthesize approaches or experiences as they apply to the theme.
 - 2.2. demonstrate a developing sense of self as a learner through reflection & self-assessment, building on prior experiences in order to respond to new and challenging contexts.
- Sustainability Goal 1 Students analyze & explain how social and natural systems function, interact & evolve over time; how human wellbeing depends on these interactions; how actions have impacts on subsequent generations & societies globally; and
 - how human values, behaviors, and institutions impact multi-faceted, potential solutions across time.
- Successful students can 1.1 describe elements of the fundamental dependence of humans on Earth & environmental systems & on the resilience of these systems as they are represented & conceptualized in literary texts & cultural artifacts discussed.
- 1.2 describe, analyze & critique roles & impacts of human activity & technology on both human society & the natural world, in the past, currently & in future, as they are represented & conceptualized in literary texts & cultural artifacts discussed.
- 1.3 devise informed & meaningful responses to problems & arguments in the area of sustainability based on the interpretation of appropriate evidence & an explicit statement of values, as found in the literary texts & cultural artifacts discussed,
- (cont.) and as found in the secondary literature that students will evaluate & employ in their individual research projects.

Content Topic List

- Green States: Myth, Reality and Fantasy
Viking Ecologies (Medieval Lit)
- The Nature of Peasants, Soldiers, and Hermits (17th c.)
Enlightened Landscapes (18th c.)
Romantic Nature - Between Idyll and Goth (around 1800)
- Nature, Magic, and Modernity (19th c.)
Children's Literature as Applied Geography (early 20th c.)
Back-to-Nature
- The Holocaust and Nature as a Source of Suffering
Nuclear Fear and Democracy in West Germany
- Ecological Utopia
Ecological Dystopia
Global Bestsellers as Earth Savers?

Sought Concurrence

No

Attachments

- German_Scandvn-3354-Sustainability-GE Syllabus.pdf: Syllabus German 3354
(Syllabus. Owner: Miller, Natascha)
- German_Scandvn-3354-sustainability-submit-form.pdf: Sustainability GE submission form
(Other Supporting Documentation. Owner: Miller, Natascha)

Comments

- Please note that concurrence was not sought due to the German/Scandvn 2310 concurrence approvals given last year. German/Scandvn 3354 differs only in that it offers students more advanced assignments and readings. German/Scandvn 3354 is the same as German/Scandvn 2310; however, "From Viking Saga to Climate Fiction: Nature in Nordic and Germanic Literatures," represents an advanced study of the focal theme, Sustainability, as it deeply engages with one of the five dimensions of sustainability covered by the courses in this GE Theme: society and culture. Assignments and readings are more advanced than in 2310. Students will engage with the course's topic in an advanced, scholarly manner in particular when preparing their oral presentation and the final research paper, which is based on this oral presentation. *(by Miller, Natascha on 11/23/2021 10:05 AM)*

Workflow Information

Status	User(s)	Date/Time	Step
Submitted	Miller, Natascha	11/23/2021 10:05 AM	Submitted for Approval
Approved	Holub, Robert Charles	11/23/2021 10:06 AM	Unit Approval
Approved	Vankeerbergen, Bernadette Chantal	11/30/2021 03:37 PM	College Approval
Pending Approval	Cody, Emily Kathryn Jenkins, Mary Ellen Bigler Hanlin, Deborah Kay Hilty, Michael Vankeerbergen, Bernadette Chantal Steele, Rachel Lea	11/30/2021 03:37 PM	ASCCAO Approval

German/Scandvn 3354
From Viking Saga to Climate Fiction: Nature in Nordic and Germanic Literatures
GE Theme course Sustainability
3 credit hours
(Taught in English)

Instructor: tba

Meeting times: tba (two 80-minute class meetings/week)

Classroom: tba

Office hours: tba

Email: mergenthaler.4@osu.edu

Contact hours: 2 × 80 minutes/week (total: 160 min./week)

Class number: tba

Office: Hagerty Hall 334

GE Information: Sustainability Theme

Theme course goals and expected learning outcomes:

GOAL 1: Successful students will analyze an important topic or idea at a more advanced and in-depth level than the foundations.

Successful students can ...

- 1.1 engage in critical and logical thinking about the topic or idea of the theme.
- 1.2 engage in an advanced, in-depth, scholarly exploration of the topic or idea of the theme.

GOAL 2: Successful students will integrate approaches to the theme by making connections to out-of-classroom experiences with academic knowledge or across disciplines and/or to work they have done in previous classes and that they anticipate doing in future.

Successful students can ...

- 2.1 identify, describe, and synthesize approaches or experiences as they apply to the theme.
- 2.2 demonstrate a developing sense of self as a learner through reflection and self-assessment, building on prior experiences in order to respond to new and challenging contexts.

Sustainability Theme course goals and expected learning outcomes

GOAL 1: Students analyze and explain how social and natural systems function, interact, and evolve over time; how human wellbeing depends on these interactions; how actions have impacts on subsequent generations and societies globally; and how human values, behaviors, and institutions impact multi-faceted, potential solutions across time.

Successful students can...

1.1 describe elements of the fundamental dependence of humans on Earth and environmental systems and on the resilience of these systems as they are represented and conceptualized in the literary texts and cultural artifacts discussed in this course.

1.2 describe, analyze and critique the roles and impacts of human activity and technology on both

human society and the natural world, in the past, currently, and in the future, as they are represented and conceptualized in the literary texts and cultural artifacts discussed in this course.

1.3 devise informed and meaningful responses to problems and arguments in the area of sustainability based on the interpretation of appropriate evidence and an explicit statement of values, as they are found in the literary texts and cultural artifacts discussed in this course, and in the secondary literature that students will evaluate and employ in their individual research projects.

How the course addresses the expected learning outcomes of the Theme:

The course German/Scandinavian 3354, "From Viking Saga to Climate Fiction: Nature in Nordic and Germanic Literatures," represents an advanced study of the focal theme, Sustainability, as it deeply engages the ways in which Nordic and Germanic literatures and cultures represent and conceptualize human-nature relationships. Students will analyze how literary texts and cultural artifacts show how humans depend on nature for both their survival and their enjoyment, as well as for the political ways in which they organize their societies. On the background of current science, culture, and societies, and their own experiences, students will critically analyze the values manifest in the human-nature relationships depicted in Nordic and Germanic literature and culture, as well as the sustainability of the technological and organizational solutions that Nordic and Germanic literature and culture presents for problems related to human-nature relationships including the provision of sufficient and satisfying nutrition, housing, clothing, means of transportation, or leisure activities. Students will also investigate the development of attitudes and solutions concerning sustainable human-nature relationships over time as well as their geographical differences.

Weekly homework assignments and in-class lectures and discussions will help prepare students for their midterm exams and for identifying a topic for their oral presentation and final research paper. In the course of preparing their oral presentation and research paper, students will engage deeply, from a specific perspective on sustainability, with both the selected literary and cultural artifacts and the current methods and research in their chosen research field. They will also develop a sense of a learner through regular assessment and self-assessment, as well as through close collaboration in class discussions and their oral presentation, as well as when providing feedback on the final research papers that will be presented in class, in the style of a conference.

Expected Learning Outcomes of the German Program:

1. Learn about German cultural representations and interpretations, views, and concepts of nature

Successful students will learn to explore how literary works from the Germanic tradition represent and reflection on environmental knowledges and practices.

2. Understand major developments in German culture and history

Successful students will learn to explore how literary works from the Germanic tradition represent and reflection on major developments in environmental history and culture.

Expected Learning Outcomes for the Scandinavian program:

1. Learn about Scandinavian cultural representations and interpretations, views, and concepts of nature

Successful students will learn to explore how literary works from the Scandinavian tradition represent and reflection on environmental knowledges and practices.

2. Understand major developments in Scandinavian culture and history

Successful students will learn to explore how literary works from the Scandinavian tradition represent and reflection on major developments in environmental history and culture.

Course Description

This course explores how literature and culture—including, among others, traditional art forms, popular culture, folklore, lifestyle, social customs, and political culture—are deeply intertwined with our relationship toward nature and our natural and cultural environments, including forests, oceans, mountains, parks, and rural and urban spaces. It explores how sustainability is conceived, represented, and reflected in the literatures of Nordic and German-speaking countries (Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Switzerland, Austria, and Germany), from the medieval period to the present. The rich and diverse literatures and cultures of these countries may help explain their intense engagement with current global environmental issues and strategies for sustainability, from climate change and biodiversity loss to ocean acidification and soil erosion.

Representations and concepts of nature and sustainability will be studied in a variety of literary genres, with different thematic emphases, and from different methodological angles. Literary genres include medieval sagas; Gothic Romantic tales; 19th-century fairy tales (e.g., “Snow Queen” that inspired Disney’s *Frozen*); the modernist novel; graphic novel; poetry; essay; and science-fiction, both dystopian and utopian; and TV series. Thematic emphases encompass the cultivation of Iceland; the landscape of war; witchcraft and the magic of nature; urbanization and the destruction of nature; back-to-nature movements; the fascist instrumentalization of nature; nature and memory; the reality and imagination of nuclear disaster and pollution; the philosophy of *Deep Ecology*; dystopia and utopia in the age of climate change and fears of irreversible environmental damage. Finally, research methods that the instructor introduces in class and that students apply, in particular, in their oral presentations and final research essays include narratology, rhetorical analysis, and gender and postcolonial studies as well as Environmental Humanities and Ecocriticism.

All readings available in English; taught in English.

Texts & Audio-visual media

Most readings, audio-visual media, and other sources will be made available in the course management system Carmen/Canvas, or links. Students will be required to buy one episode of a TV series and the film *Frozen II* (or use their subscription to a streaming service such as Netflix). Students may organize group screenings of audiovisual media to save costs.

Assignments:

1. **Participation:** Students are expected to attend each class, read all the assigned materials, and – most importantly – participate in class discussions.
2. **Weekly Assignments:** Students will complete weekly reading assignments in which they practice both text comprehension and analytic and interpretive skills.
3. **Quizzes:** Ten short multiple-choice quizzes on the assigned readings. These will test students’ completion of the readings and knowledge of major lecture concepts.
4. **Group Presentation:** Groups of 2-3 students will prepare and give a 20-minute presentation on a topic related to the readings and topics of the class. They will select a method or

methods of engagement with the text(s) or cultural artifacts and place these text(s) or cultural artifacts in the context of current cultural or scientific research in sustainability.

5. **Annotated bibliography for three research essays:** Students will select three research essays on the topic of their final paper and write an annotated bibliography for those texts..
6. **Abstract for the final research paper:** Students will write a 250-word abstract of their final paper in which they concisely present their subject of investigation (literary texts/cultural artifacts), their thesis, main argument, method, and the contemporary relevance of their research for current debates about sustainability.
7. **Final Research Paper:** In their final research paper, students will deepen, independently, their engagement with topic of their oral presentation, by developing a thesis and an argument, and providing a conclusion.

Grade distribution:

Class participation (graded daily):	10%
10 short in-class quizzes:	10%
Weekly assignments:	10%
Annotated bibliography:	15%
Abstract:	15%
1 group presentation:	10%
Final essay:	30%

Grading Scale

93 - 100 = A	83 - 87 = B	73 - 77 = C	63 - 67 = D
90 - 92 = A-	80 - 82 = B-	70 - 72 = C-	below 63 = E
88 - 89 = B+	78 - 79 = C+	68 - 69 = D+	

Important dates: tba

Further instructions, information, and grading scales for the individual assignments and graded items will be provided by the instructor and uploaded on Carmen before the first class.

Attendance Policy & Class Participation

Attendance in this class is **mandatory**. Class participation and preparation are essential to your learning and will contribute significantly to your performance, as well as to the success of the whole class. To do well in this area, you will need to come to class regularly and well-prepared, pay attention during class, and contribute to class discussions. **Class preparation includes the completion of brief assignments that accompany the readings.** I will provide participation grades after each class; see Carmen/Canvas for details and a grading rubric.

Late arrival and early departure are considered poor participation; they are disruptive to others and make it possible to miss essential information. **Three late arrivals (more than 5 minutes) will count as one unexcused absence.** - **No more than two unexcused absences are allowed in this course.** Any additional unexcused absence will result in a lowering of your final grade by a third of a grade (e.g. from A to A-). Acceptable excuses for absences include documented illness, religious holidays, emergency situations, travel with your sports team, and job interviews. **If possible, please contact your instructor well in advance via email, if you need to miss class.** In the case of missed class, it is **your responsibility** to get the notes and assignment information from the instructor or classmates, or Canvas.

Use of Technology in Class

For the sake of the environment, you will be allowed to read and write on your laptops in class. Note-taking by hand is however encouraged. **The sound of your cell phones must be turned off.** You need to be able to **read well** on the device that you chose as your reading device. The use of cell phones for the purpose of reading is therefore discouraged. - **Not allowed** is the use of technology to engage with content unrelated to class, such as news websites, social media, texting on your cell phone, checking messages on your cell phone, checking the time on your cell phone, shopping, etc. **If I catch a student engaging with such content, the student will receive a C for participation for that day.** Please do not get us into this situation.

Email Etiquette

Emailing your professor is a professional form of communication and not casual conversation. Hence, you are asked to follow a few simple rules. 1. Please write your email from your OSU email account. 2. You may address me with my first name, but do not omit my name. (A mere "Hello" is not acceptable.) 3. Sign your email with your name ("Best ...", "Sincerely"). 4. Check your spelling and send. 5. Allow 24 hours to respond; do not expect responses over the weekend. - **If you need to speak with me, please come to my office hours or schedule a meeting, if the office hours conflict with your schedule.**

Statement on Academic Misconduct:

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term "academic misconduct" includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee (Faculty Rule 3335-5-487). For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct <http://studentlife.osu.edu/csc/>.

Statement about Disability Services:

The University strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions), please let me know immediately so that we can privately discuss options. To establish reasonable accommodations, I may request that you register with Student Life Disability Services. After registration, make arrangements with me as soon as possible to discuss your accommodations so that they may be implemented in a timely fashion. SLDS contact information: slds@osu.edu; 614-292-3307; slds.osu.edu; 098 Baker Hall, 113 W. 12th Avenue.

Mental Health Statement:

As a student you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learning, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance or reduce a student's ability to participate in daily activities. The Ohio State University

offers services to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. If you or someone you know are suffering from any of the aforementioned conditions, you can learn more about the broad range of confidential mental health services available on campus via the Office of Student Life's Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) by visiting ccs.osu.edu or calling 614- 292-5766. CCS is located on the 4th Floor of the Younkin Success Center and 10th Floor of Lincoln Tower. You can reach an on call counselor when CCS is closed at 614-292-5766 and 24 hour emergency help is also available through the 24/7 National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273- TALK or at suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

Statement on sexual misconduct/relationship violence:

Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories (e.g., race). If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at <http://titleix.osu.edu> or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator, Kellie Brennan, at titleix@osu.edu .

Statement on diversity:

The Ohio State University affirms the importance and value of diversity in the student body. Our programs and curricula reflect our multicultural society and global economy and seek to provide opportunities for students to learn more about persons who are different from them. We are committed to maintaining a community that recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters sensitivity, understanding, and mutual respect among each member of our community; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her own potential. Discrimination against any individual based upon protected status, which is defined as age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status, is prohibited.

Course Schedule & Weekly Readings, or Viewings (subject to change)

Week 1: Jan. 7 & 9

Green States: Myth, Reality and Fantasy

- a) States' self-representations: The examples of Germany, Sweden, and Norway
https://www.regjeringen.no/contentassets/4e0b25a4c30140cfb14a40f54e7622c8/national-plan-2030_version19_desember.pdf (read pp. 9-23)
<https://sweden.se/nature/sweden-tackles-climate-change/> (read complete webpage)
https://www.bmu.de/fileadmin/Daten_BMU/Pool/Broschueren/climate_action_figures_2019_brochure_en_bf.pdf (read pp. 5-23)
Voluntary reading/perusing: Climate Tracker: <https://climateactiontracker.org/>
- b) First episode of the Norwegian TV-series *Occupied* (2015-present) (available for streaming on legal sites from \$2.99)

Week 2: Jan. 14 & 16

Viking Ecologies (Medieval Literature)

- a) "Saga of the People of Vatnsdal" (*Vatnsdæla saga*) (sel.)

In-class quiz #1

Week 3: Jan. 21 & 23

The Nature of Peasants, Soldiers, and Hermits (17th century)

- a) Grimmelshausen, *Simplicius Simplicissimus*: Book I., ch. 1-12 (From farm boy to hermit)
- b) Grimmelshausen, *Simplicius Simplicissimus*, Book V, ch. 10-12; Appendix A, ch. 19-23 (Travel to the Center of the Earth; Simplicissimus' life on an island - the first "Robinsonade")

Text: Translation by William Heinemann (1912),

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/33858/33858-h/33858-h.htm>

In-class quiz #2

Week 4: Jan. 28 & 30

Enlightened Landscapes (18th century)

- a) Campe, *Robinson, the Younger* (1779/80) (tbd)
- b) Campe, *Robinson, the Younger* (1779/80) (tbd)

Text: Translation by John Timaeus (1816)

<https://books.google.com/books?id=EnrRAAAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover#v=onepage&q&f=false>

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015078572628&view=1up&seq=6>

In-class quiz #3

Week 5: Feb. 4 & 6

Romantic Nature - Between Idyll and Goth (around 1800)

- a) Caroline Pichler, "The First of May, or Wallburga's Night" (1813) (ch. 1-2; pp. 3-79)
- b) Caroline Pichler, "The First of May, or Wallburga's Night" (1813) (ch. 2-4, pp. 57-80)

Text: Available on google books in: R. P. Gillies, *German Stories* vol. 3 (1827)
https://books.google.com/books?id=0_4PAQAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=R.+P.+Gillies,+German+Stories&hl=en&newbks=1&newbks_redir=0&sa=X&ved=2ahUKewj1pObJgOvmAhVHUs0KHczBDwsQuwUwAnoECAEQBQ#v=onepage&q=R.%20P.%20Gillies%2C%20German%20Stories&f=false

In-class quiz #4

Week 6: Feb. 11 & 13

Nature, Magic, and Modernity (19th century)

- a) Hans Christian Andersen, "The Snow Queen" (1844)
Text: http://hca.gilead.org.il/snow_que.html
- b) Disney's *Frozen II* (2019) (movie excerpts)

In-class quiz #5

Week 7: Feb. 18 & 20

Children's Literature as Applied Geography (early 20th century)

- a) Selma Lagerlöf, *The Wonderful Adventures of Nils* (Literal translation of the original title: Nils Holgersson's wonderful journey across Sweden) (1904) (sel., tba)
- b) Selma Lagerlöf, *The Wonderful Adventures of Nils* (Literal translation of the original title: Nils Holgersson's wonderful journey across Sweden) (1904) (sel., tba)

In-class quiz #6

Week 8: Feb. 25 & 27

Children's Literature as Applied Geography (early 20th century)

- a) Selma Lagerlöf, *The Wonderful Adventures of Nils* (Literal translation of the original title: Nils Holgersson's wonderful journey across Sweden) (1904) (sel., tba)
- Text: Translation by W.W. Worster (1920)
http://www.kkworld.com/kitablar/knut_hamsun_torpagin_bereketi-eng.pdf

In-class quiz #7

Week 9: March 3 & 5

Back-to-Nature

- a) Knut Hamsun, *Growth of the Soil* (1917) (tbd.)
Text: Translation by W.W. Worster (1920)
http://www.kkworld.com/kitablar/knut_hamsun_torpagin_bereketi-eng.pdf

Annotated Bibliography is due

Week 10: Spring Break (March 9-13)

Week 11: March 17 & 19

The Holocaust and Nature as a Source of Suffering (1933-1945)

- a) Art Spiegelman, *Maus I* (1980-1991)
- b) Art Spiegelman, *Maus II* (1980-1991); Nelly Sachs (poem)

In-class quiz #8

Week 12: March 24 & 26

Nuclear Fear and Democracy in West-Germany (1980s)

- a) Gudrun Pausewang, *The Cloud* (1987); ch. 1-8 (page numbers to follow)
- b) Gudrun Pausewang, *The Cloud* (1987); ch. 9-16 (page numbers to follow)

1st Draft of Final Essay Abstract is due

Week 13: March 31 & April 2

Ecological Utopia (1980s and 1990s)

- a) Arne Naes, "The Basics of Deep Ecology" (1987/1988), pp. 1-7
Text: <https://theanarchistlibrary.org/library/arne-naess-and-george-sessions-basic-principles-of-deep-ecology>
- b) Arne Naes, "An Example of a Place: Tvergastein" (1992), in: *The Selected Works of Arne Naess*, pp. 338-359

In-class quiz #9

Week 14: April 7 & 9

Ecological Dystopia (2000s)

- a) Frank Schätzing, *The Swarm* (2004); "14th January;" Part 1: "Anomalities" (sel.)
- b) Frank Schätzing, *The Swarm* (2004); Part 4: "Sinking;" Part 5: "Contact;" "Epilogue,"
From the Diaries of Samantha Crowe, "15 August" (page numbers to follow)
Text: Frank Schätzing, *The Swarm* (2006 [2005]), translated by Sally-Ann Spencer

In-class quiz #10

Revised 2nd draft of Final Essay Abstracts is due

Week 15: April 14 & 16

Global Bestsellers as Earth Savers? (2010s)

- a) Maja Lunde, *The History of Bees* (2017 [2015]) (sel.)
- b) Environmental Education and Policy in German-speaking and Scandinavian countries
(recent news articles on Environmental policy in German-speaking and Scandinavian countries)

Group presentation(s)

Final Essay due by tba

GE THEME COURSES

Overview

Courses that are accepted into the General Education (GE) Themes must meet two sets of Expected Learning Outcomes (ELOs): those common for all GE Themes and one set specific to the content of the Theme. This form begins with the criteria common to all themes and has expandable sections relating to each specific theme.

A course may be accepted into more than one Theme if the ELOs for each theme are met. Courses seeing approval for multiple Themes will complete a submission document for each theme. Courses seeking approval as a 4-credit, Integrative Practices course need to complete a similar submission form for the chosen practice. It may be helpful to consult your Director of Undergraduate Studies or appropriate support staff person as you develop and submit your course.

Please enter text in the boxes to describe how your class will meet the ELOs of the Theme to which it applies. Please use language that is clear and concise and that colleagues outside of your discipline will be able to follow. You are encouraged to refer specifically to the syllabus submitted for the course, since the reviewers will also have that document. Because this document will be used in the course review and approval process, you should be as specific as possible, listing concrete activities, specific theories, names of scholars, titles of textbooks etc.

Course subject & number

General Expectations of All Themes

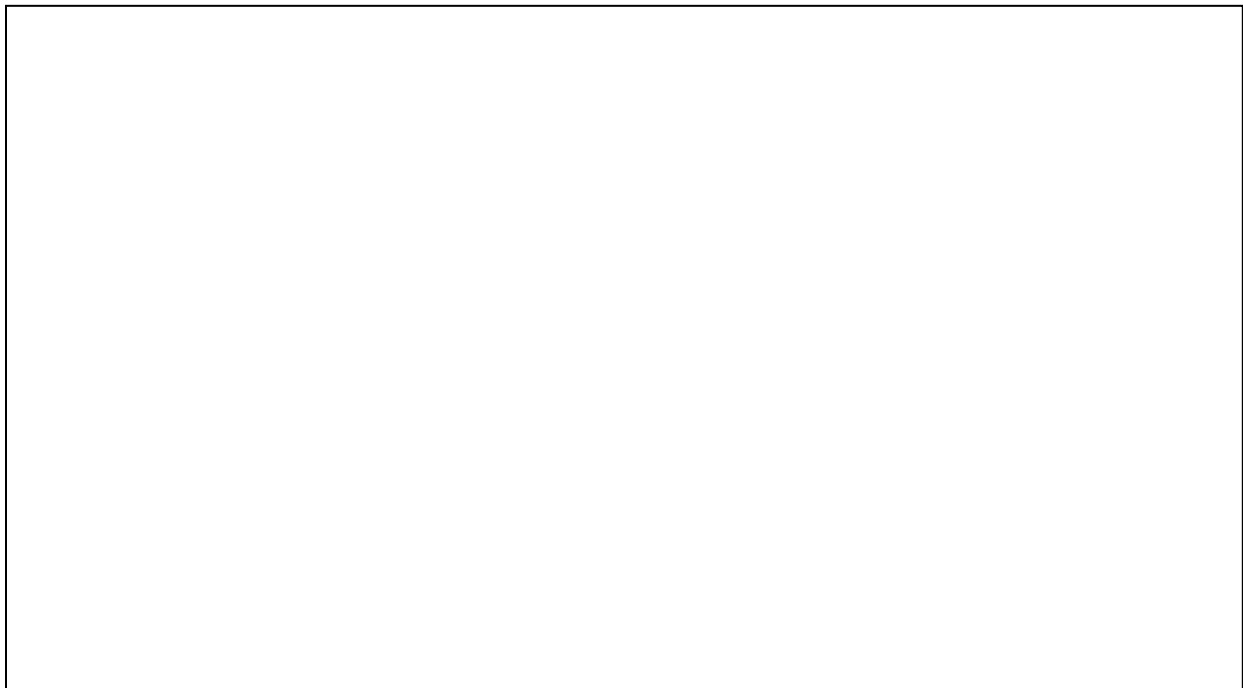
GOAL 1: Successful students will analyze an important topic or idea at a more advanced and in-depth level than the foundations.

Please briefly identify the ways in which this course represents an advanced study of the focal theme. In this context, “advanced” refers to courses that are e.g., synthetic, rely on research or cutting-edge findings, or deeply engage with the subject matter, among other possibilities. *(50-500 words)*

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ELO 1.1 Engage in critical and logical thinking about the topic or idea of the theme. Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)

ELO 1.2 Engage in an advanced, in-depth, scholarly exploration of the topic or idea of the theme. Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)

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GOAL 2: Successful students will integrate approaches to the theme by making connections to out-of-classroom experiences with academic knowledge or across disciplines and/or to work they have done in previous classes and that they anticipate doing in future.

ELO 2.1 Identify, describe, and synthesize approaches or experiences as they apply to the theme.

Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)

ELO 2.2 Demonstrate a developing sense of self as a learner through reflection, self-assessment, and creative work, building on prior experiences to respond to new and challenging contexts.

Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)

Course subject & number

Specific Expectations of Courses in Sustainability

GOAL 1: Students analyze and explain how social and natural systems function, interact, and evolve over time; how human wellbeing depends on these interactions; how actions have impacts on subsequent generations and societies globally; and how human values, behaviors, and institutions impact multi-faceted, potential solutions across time.

1.1 Describe elements of the fundamental dependence of humans on Earth and environmental systems and on the resilience of these systems. Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)

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