

# COURSE DETAIL

## ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHY AND ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

**Country**

Netherlands

**Host Institution**

Wageningen University and Research Center

**Program(s)**

Wageningen University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Philosophy Environmental Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

117

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHY AND ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

ENVIRONMENTAL PHIL

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

5.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.30

## Course Description

This course provides a systematic overview of the key topics of environmental ethics. It focuses on three protracted and heated debates at the interface of environmental ethics and ecological restoration. The first debate is about the value of ecological restoration (including 'nature development'). The second debate is about the moral status of animals within ecological restoration projects. Here the course distinguishes between (complementary) two cases: the first one is about the (re)introduction of indigenous species that were once pushed out of their native environment; the other one is about the elimination or eradication of exotic and alien species that have invaded and degraded ecosystems. Both cases show that there is considerable tension between environmental ethics and animal welfare ethics. The third debate is about the role of human intervention in the Anthropocene. Old-school conservationists want to restore and protect pristine nature and call for an attitude of humility. Ecomodernists, on the other hand, see the Anthropocene not as an ecological disaster, but as an opportunity to increase human welfare and protect nature with the use of technology.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

CPT50306

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<https://wur.osiris-student.nl/onderwijscatalogus/extern/cursus>

## Host Institution Campus

Wageningen University

## Host Institution Faculty

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

Communication Philosophy and Technology

**Course Last Reviewed**

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