

# Environmental Intersectionality

## An SJPS Course Proposal

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### Purpose

Currently the Social Justice and Peace Program does not have a class with the sole focus being the environment and the impact that the environment has on people and vice versa. The SJPS program will be implementing an environmentally focused class in the 2020-2021 school year. Since this class does not yet exist, I have created my own proposal in the form of a complete syllabus which contains topics that are incredibly important and cover the intersectionality of the environment and various people groups.

### Topics

Each week will examine a different people group and how they are affected by environmental change. The first week would be an introduction class to inform the students of what will be expected from the course as is typical with most courses. Some of the topics for the class would include:

- **Environmental Racism**
- **Environmental Justice**
- **Environmental Issues and Indigenous Groups**
- **Feminism and the Environment**
- **Environmental Refugees**
- **Air Pollution and Socio-Economic Status**



### Class Description

This course will examine the intersectionality between the environment and different people groups. Humans have a large impact on the environment and vice versa. However different people groups are impacted more severely than others due to environmental racism, and socio-economic status.

This course will examine the different people groups affected by environmental issues such as pipeline construction as well as the impact that natural phenomenon caused by climate change have on various people groups.



### Assignments

This class would consist of several assignments such as class presentations each week, an op-ed due the sixth week, participation in an online forum, presentation on the final research paper, and a final research paper.

The breakdown of the grades would look like such:

- Participation 15%
  - Form discussion (6) 6%
  - Attendance 3%
  - In class discussion 6%
- Op-Ed 15%
- Class Lead 15%
- Final Paper Proposal 10%
- Paper Presentation 20%
  - Feedback 5%
  - Poster 5%
  - Presentation 10%
- Final Paper 25%