

Ecoleader Course Schedule



Fall Session: 18 September 2024 - 2 November 2024

Hours: Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:00-12:00 (EST) | 15:00-18:00 (CET)

Ecoleader	Themes	Schedule	Hours
Week 1	<p>Module 1: What is Nature?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What are we talking about when we talk about “nature”? Why does this word not exist in all languages? What’s its origin? What does it say about our relationship to nature? A dive into history and anthropology that will provide a better understanding of how to restore our connection with nature. ✓ Assess the state of your own connection with nature through an astonishing reflective exercise in the forest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 18 September 2024 Online class - Theory 3h • Saturday, 21 September 2024 No class! Individual exercise in forest 3h • Journal Submission Individual work 3h 	9 hours
Week 2	<p>Module 2: Nature and Culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Our view of nature is the result of a cultural heritage whose extent we don’t even suspect. The American notion of “wilderness”, for example, has profoundly influenced many international nature protection policies. The European search for Eden continues, for its part, to impact many African and Asian countries. ✓ A parallel is made with indigenous cultures to reassess our relationship with the natural world. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 25 September 2024 Online class - Theory 3h • Saturday, 28 September 2024 Online class - Discussion 3h • Journal Submission Individual work 3h 	9 hours
Week 3	<p>Module 3: Environmental Sociology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Not all social groups utilize nature in the same way: culture, gender, age, and socio-economic background shape the way we approach the natural world. These differences explain the failure of many activities, campaigns or political measures that do not take these specificities into account. This module that will teach you how to work more effectively with different segments of the population. ✓ Environmental injustice or inequality is the fact that individuals and social groups do not experience equal to environmental nuisances and risks, nor do they have equal access to environmental resources. Born in the United States, the fight against environmental injustice has taken on global proportions and, in the face of the climate crisis, lies at the core of the challenges of the 21st century. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 2 October 2024 Online class - Theory 3h • Saturday, 5 October 2024 Online class - Discussion 3h • Journal Submission Individual Work 3h 	9 hours
Week 4	<p>Module 4: Disconnection from Nature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A module that dives into the heart of the sometimes-surprising causes of our disconnection from nature ✓ Eco-emotions et disconnection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 9 October 2024 Online class - Theory 3h • Saturday, 12 October 2024 Online class - Discussion 3h • Journal Submission Individual Work 3h 	9 hours

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Week 5	<p>Module 5: Connection with Nature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A module that addresses the notion of connection with nature: through studies and concrete examples, we distinguish the fundamental elements of an impactful connection with nature. ✓ Definition and measures of connection to nature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 16 October 2024 Online class - Theory 3h • Saturday, 19 October 2024 Online class - Discussion 3h • Journal Submission Individual work 3h 	9 hours
Week 6	<p>Module 6: Impacts of Nature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Panorama of the scientific research on the epidemiological, psychological, physiological, and cognitive impacts of nature on humans. An overview of research, from its beginnings in the 1980s to the present day. Knowledge resulting from research is unfortunately very frequently ignored by public and private decision-makers. If today the public knows that “nature is good”, it generally ignores to what extent. This module aims to equip students with the scientific fundamentals of the impact of nature. ✓ Impacts of nature in cities: ecosystem services, city and nature relationship, international initiatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 23 October 2024 Online course - Theory 3h • Saturday, 26 October 2024 Online course - Discussion 3h • Journal Submission Individual work 3h 	9 hours
Week 7	<p>Module 7: The Legal Status of Nature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ In the late 1960s, a jurist proposed granting rights to trees and the natural environment as a whole. This idea caused a scandal at the time, but since then some countries have incorporated the protection of natural elements into their law or constitution. Where are we at? What are the enforced laws and what criticisms do they evoke? ✓ Alongside these laws granting protection to nature, this module also addresses the issue of access to nature by analyzing in particular the Scandinavian culture of free access. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 30 October 2024 Online class - Theory 3h • Saturday, 2 November 2024 Online class - Discussion 3h 	6 hours

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