This political theory course evaluates how our understandings of justice, citizenship, sovereignty, and democracy are transformed when we adopt an environmental perspective. What is the value of nature, and what does it mean to treat nature with respect? How should we pursue sustainable development? Should we reject our culture of consumption and embrace an alternative model such as ‘degrowth’? What does it mean to be an environmental citizen? Other topics include climate change, the intersections between the environment and gender, class, race and indigeneity, and the prospects for green political movements.

Assessment:

- 10-page mid-term paper due by 11.59pm on Friday, May 2 (35%)
- 10-page final paper due by 11.59pm on Tuesday, June 10 (35%)
Your papers should take a critical stance. You are not expected to conduct original research, but you must develop your own argument and defend it throughout the paper. Please use double spacing and Times New Roman 12-point font. Topics and more detailed instructions will be distributed a few weeks in advance. Unexcused late papers will be penalized one-third of a grade per day.

- 20-minute group presentation (15%)
In your group presentation, focus on three or four concerns you have with the reading. Do not summarize the reading.

- Participation (15%)
This is an upper-level course, and it is important that you attend and contribute to the discussion. I will make time for small group discussions and regularly take attendance.

Readings:
Selected readings from:
These and other readings will be posted on the TED website.

**Course Schedule:**

**What is Green Political Thought?**

**April 1:**
Introduction / No Readings

**April 3:**

**The Value in/of Nature**

**April 8:**

**Recommended Reading:**

**Ecology, Justice and Respect for Nature**

**April 10:**

**April 15:**

**Recommended Readings:**

**Sustainability**

**April 17:**

**April 22:**

**April 24**

**Recommended Readings:**

**Environmental Citizenship**

**April 29:**
May 1:  

*Recommended Reading:*

**Midterm paper due Friday, May 2**

**State Sovereignty and Environmental Governance**

May 6:  

May 8:  

*Recommended Reading:*

**Democracy and Green Political Movements**

May 13:  

May 15:  

*Recommended Readings:*

**The Environment, Race, Gender, and Indigenous Peoples**

May 20:

May 22:

Recommended Readings:

Climate Change

May 27:

May 29:

June 3:

Recommended Readings:

June 5:
Overview

Final paper due Tuesday, June 10