

# Opasraportti

## FHum - Environmental Studies in the Humanities (2019 - 2020)

### Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot

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#### Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen kuvaukset

##### **687816P: Ecocritical Approaches to Literature, 5 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

The course offers an introduction to the theory and applications of ecocritical literary research. Students will familiarise themselves with the interaction between fictional depictions and historical conceptions of nature. The course aims to foster students' ecological reading skills, i.e. skills to recognise the methods and ways of depiction that literature and cinema use to mould our conceptions of ourselves and nature.

**Contents:**

Introduction to ecocritical literary research

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study or contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Book exam, essay or corresponding lectures

**Target group:**

Students minoring in the Environmental Studies in the Humanities

**Recommended or required reading:**

Toni Lahtinen & Markku Lehtimäki (eds.), *Äänekäs kevät: Ekokriittinen kirjallisuudentutkimus* (Suomalaisen Kirjallisuuden Seura, Helsinki 2008);

Karoliina Lummaa, *Politiittinen siivekäs : Lintujen konkreettisuus suomalaisessa 1970-luvun ympäristörunoudessa* (Jyväskylän yliopisto 2010);

Maria Laakso, Toni Lahtinen, Päivi Heikkilä-Halttunen (eds.), *Tapion tarhoista turkistarhoille: Luonto suomalaisessa lasten- ja nuortenkirjallisuudessa* (Suomalaisen Kirjallisuuden Seura, Helsinki 2011)

+ A collection of English articles that can consist of e.g. sections in the following works: Lawrence Buell, *Environmental Imagination*, Ursula K. Heise, *Sense of Place Sense of Planet*, Greg Garrard's anthology, *The Oxford Handbook of Ecocriticism*

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book exam, essay or corresponding lectures

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Jussi Ojajärvi

**Other information:**

Person responsible for the book exams is Toni Lahtinen, PhD.

## 687813P: Energy and the Environment, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

After completing the course, students will recognise the ways in which energy consumption changes the environment and society. Students will also be able to compare processes concerning environmental history in different parts of the world in the course of history, as well as comprehend the central environmental problems caused by energy production.

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study or contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Book exam and/or lectures

**Target group:**

Students minoring in the Environmental Studies in the Humanities

**Recommended or required reading:**

Alfred W. Crosby, *Children of the Sun: A History of Humanity's Unappeasable Appetite for Energy* (W.W. Norton & Company 2006)

Vaclav Smil, *Energy at the Crossroads: Global Perspectives and Uncertainties* (MIT Press 2003) (Available as an e-book in EBSCO collection)

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book exam, essay or corresponding lectures

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Esa Ruuskanen

## 687815P: Environmental Communication, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

After completing the course, students will

- know the various definitions of environmental communication and understand the connections between these definitions and the relationship of the environment and societies
- comprehend the cyclicity of environmental journalism and understand how the cycles relate to changes in society's set of values
- know the main developments in the history of environmental journalism and be able to comprehend the conventions concerning the use of source material and sources by environmental journalists
- recognise the structural factors of journalism and society that contribute to the construction of environmental publicity
- comprehend the part that societal actors and various interest groups play in the construction of environmental publicity
- understand the interaction between environmental communication and science and economics.

**Contents:**

Introduction to the construction of environmental publicity in the context of environmental communication and environmental journalism

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study or contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Book exam and/or lectures

**Target group:**

Students minoring in the Environmental Studies in the Humanities

**Recommended or required reading:**

Wyss, Bob (2008) *Covering the Environment: How Journalists Work the Green Beat* (Lea's Communication) 1st Edition. New York: Routledge.

*Environmental Journalism* (2016). (Journalism Studies) 1st Edition / Eds. Bødker, Neverla. London: Routledge.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book exam, essay or corresponding lectures

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Erkki Karvonen

## 687812P: Environmental Philosophy, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will understand the main features of the central questions and trends in environmental philosophy.

**Contents:**

Introduction to environmental philosophy and the main concepts of the field

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study or contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Book exam and/or lectures

**Target group:**

Students minoring in the Environmental Studies in the Humanities

**Recommended or required reading:**

Markku Oksanen & Marjo Rauhala-Hayes (eds.), *Ympäristöfilosofia: Kirjoituksia ympäristönsuojelun eettisistä perusteista* (Gaudeamus 1997); Kari Väyrynen, *Ympäristöfilosofian historia: Määrittämyytistä Marxiin* (Eurooppalaisen filosofian seura, Tampere 2006)

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book exam, essay or corresponding lectures

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Kari Väyrynen

**Other information:**

The person responsible for the book exams is Mari-Anne Virkkala.

## 687811P: Environmental Values and Environmental Ethics, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

After completing the course, students will understand various perspectives concerning environmental values and environmental ethics.

**Contents:**

Introduction to environmental values and environmental ethics

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study or contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Book exam and/or lectures

**Target group:**

Students minoring in the Environmental Studies in the Humanities

**Recommended or required reading:**

Arto Haapala & Markku Oksanen (eds.), *Arvot ja luonnon arvottaminen* (Gaudeamus 2000);

Markku Oksanen, *Ympäristöetiikan perusteet: Luonne, historia ja käsitteet* (Gaudeamus 2012)

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book exam, essay or corresponding lectures

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Kari Väyrynen

**Other information:**

The person responsible for the book exams is Mari-Anne Virkkala.

## 687809P: Environmental and Climate History, 5 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Matti Enbuske

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay687809P Environmental and Climate History (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to display knowledge of the effects of social, political and economic actions on the environment and nature throughout history. Students will also be able to define the central characteristics of climate history and estimate the effects of climate changes on human cultures in recorded history. Students will also be able to compare processes concerning environmental history in different parts of the world and explain their cause–effect relation.

**Contents:**

Phenomena in environmental history, from prehistory to modern day

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study or contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Book exam and/or lectures

**Target group:**

Students minoring in the Environmental Studies in the Humanities

**Recommended or required reading:**

J. Donald Hughes, *An Environmental History of the World: Humankind's Changing Role in the Community of Life* (Routledge, 2001).

Brian Fagan, *The Little Ice Age: How Climate Made History* (Basic Books, New York 2002)

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book exam, essay or corresponding lectures

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Matti Enbuske

## 687804P: History of Environmental Sciences, 5 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Esa Ruuskanen

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

After completing the course, students will understand the developments of the Natural Sciences central to environmental research. Students will also have knowledge of the background of the contemporary environmental research in the context of Natural Sciences.

**Contents:**

Introduction to the history of environmental sciences

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study or contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Book exam and/or lectures

**Target group:**

Students minoring in the Environmental Studies in the Humanities

**Recommended or required reading:**

Peter J. Bowler: Ympäristötieteiden historia. Helsinki: Art House, 1997.

**OR**

Frank N. Egerton: Roots of Ecology. Antiquity to Haeckel. University of California Press, 2012.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book exam, essay or corresponding lectures

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Esa Ruuskanen

## 687363P: Humans and the Environment, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Heikkinen, Hannu Ilmari

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay687363P Humans and the Environment (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**ECTS Credits:**

5

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

1<sup>st</sup> year

**Learning outcomes:**

Students will be able to define the relationship between protecting cultural heritage and protecting the environment. Students will also be able explain the fundamentals of the interaction between people and the environment, as well as the fundamentals of the concept of nature from a chronological perspective. Students will be able to discuss how specific cultures have adapted to their environments. Students will also be able to define human being's relation to animals and to their immediate environment. In addition, students will be able to define the cultural factors that control these relations. Students will also be able to discuss contemporary environmental questions and their effects on local communities.

**Contents:**

Examining the relation between the protection of environment and the protection of cultural heritage in the context of cultural anthropology and archaeology; learning about the ways in which different civilisations and communities have reacted to change in the environment in a global context; examining the climate change from the chronological perspective provided by archaeology and cultural anthropology; studying interaction between humans, animals and nature; familiarising with the central concepts and perspectives of contemporary research in environmental anthropology

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures, written assignments or exercises

**Target group:**

First-year students of Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology as well as students of Environmental Studies in the Humanities. See Other information below.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

None

**Recommended optional programme components:**

None

**Recommended or required reading:**

Material handed out during lectures

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Assignments on lectures and formal lecture examination or written assignments or exercises

**Grading:**

0–5

**Person responsible:**

Professor Hannu I. Heikkinen

**Working life cooperation:**

None

**Other information:**

The course is intended primarily for majors in Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology. Students of Environmental Studies in the Humanities may also enroll in the course as long as the total number of participants does not exceed 40.

**687810P: Introduction to the Environmental Humanities, 5 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

It is recommended that the course is completed at the beginning of the Environmental Studies in the Humanities.

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will recognise the central concepts and phenomena contemplated in the Environmental Studies in the Humanities. Students will also comprehend the questions that gave birth to the emergence of the Environmental Studies in the Humanities.

**Contents:**

Introduction to the key concepts and research subjects of the Environmental Humanities.

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures and independent study

**Target group:**

Students minoring in the Environmental Studies in the Humanities.

**Recommended or required reading:**

Material handed out during lectures and a collection of articles

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Active participation in the course and a lecture diary that utilises the collection of articles

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Esa Ruuskanen

**Other information:**

This course is compulsory for students minoring in the Environmental Studies in the Humanities.

**687817P: Skills for Working Life, 5 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

It is recommended to take the course at the end of the Environmental Studies in the Humanities.

**Learning outcomes:**

Studies in the Environmental Humanities provide students with cultural perspectives on environmental questions. After completing this course, students will be able to apply and adapt the knowledge to working life.

**Contents:**

The course can be completed in two optional ways:

- 1) Working on a project related to the drafting of an environmental impact assessment report (or other working-life collaboration) and attending a seminar
- 2) Taking part in an article course on science popularisation. The course comprises of a workshop lasting one term, during which students write an article on a topic concerning the Environmental Humanities.

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Workshop during one term, independent study or group work

**Target group:**

Students minoring in the Environmental Studies in the Humanities

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

All the other courses of the Environmental Studies in the Humanities

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Active participation in the course as well as participation in environmental studies or writing or publishing an environmental article.

**Grading:**

Pass / Fail

**Person responsible:**

Matti Enbuske

**Working life cooperation:**

The course is carried out in collaboration with Demola, as well as external partners. The course promotes a wide range of working life skills.



**Other information:**

Only a limited number of students may take part in the course (If too many students sign up, only the first ones to sign up will be accepted).

**414081P: Sociological environment research, 5 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2014 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Education

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Anu Alanko

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay414081P Sociological environment research (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS cr

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish (can be replaced with English literature)

**Timing:**

Autumn and spring term

**Learning outcomes:**

Having completed the course the student

- has familiarised her/himself with important current studies in sociological environmental research.
- has a mastery of the main concepts, theoretical tradition and current research in this field.
- knows how to use this knowledge in research and practical working duties and how to take part in societal discussion on the theme.

**Contents:**

Environment as a focus in sociological research

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Book exam or essay, substitutive lectures as far as possible. Independent work 135 hours

**Target group:**

Students pursuing Basic Studies in Sociology

**Recommended optional programme components:**

An elective 5-credit course

**Recommended or required reading:**

English literature on request. Contact the teacher responsible for the course.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Exam or essay based on the literature.

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Marjo Laitala

**Working life cooperation:**

None

**687814P: The Environment (and Indigenous Peoples) of the Arctic, 5 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will recognise the special characteristics of the arctic environment. Students will comprehend the connection between the arctic environment and the state of health of the indigenous peoples of the region. Students will also have knowledge of the ways the peoples of the arctic have adapted to the arctic environment in the course of history and in contemporary times.

**Contents:**

Introduction to the arctic environment and the peoples of the Arctic

**Mode of delivery:**

Independent study or contact teaching

**Target group:**

Students minoring in the Environmental Studies in the Humanities

**Recommended or required reading:**

Elective literature (two of the following books):

John McCannon, *A History of the Arctic: Nature, Exploration and Exploitation* (Reaktion Books 2012);

Mark Nuttall, *Arctic: Environment, People, Policy* (CRC Press 2000);

Peter Bjerregaard & T. Kue Young, *Health Transitions in Arctic Populations* (University of Toronto Press 2008)

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Book exam, essay or corresponding lectures. Book exam in Examinarium

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Ritva Kylli

**Other information:**

Person responsible for the book exams is Ritva Kylli.

## 790161A: Tourism, development and sustainability, 5 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Field of Geography

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Kaarina Tervo-Kankare

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay790161A Tourism, sustainability and environment (OPEN UNI) 4.0 op

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

2nd year, 1st semester

**Learning outcomes:**

After the course, the student understands and can apply the principles of sustainable tourism in different contexts; he/she understands the importance of sustainable development in tourism in different contexts and from different viewpoints (spatial, stakeholder, sector). Student acknowledges the utilization of tourism for diverse development purposes and has basic understanding about its potential pitfalls, especially in the Global South framework. The student can analyse and compare the impacts and meaning of different tourism activities to sustainable development.

**Contents:**

The course focuses on the idea of sustainable tourism and sustainable development with emphasis on tourism in Global South. The course examines the conceptual and practical dimensions of sustainable tourism, its

relationship with sustainable development in general and the applicability and problems associated with it. The course's basic concepts include the following: tourism and sustainable development, sustainable tourism, tourism impacts and sustainability at different scales (local-global) and environments, the roles of different actors (stakeholders) in sustainable tourism, tourism development plans and policies, methods to measure sustainability in tourism and tourism development, the role of sustainable tourist.

These concepts will be discussed both theoretically and in practice, highlighting their relevance in the Global South dimension and utilizing examples in different contexts. Some topical issues relating with the main theme sustainable tourism, such as pro-poor tourism and climate change will be covered in the Global South contexts. In addition, the student chooses one relevant topic to which she/he familiarizes.

Increase knowledge about the role and meaning of tourism in relation to development at different scales, and in different contexts, in the sustainability framework. Sustainability will be examined throughout the tourism system, at different scales and in diverse environments, with central focus on the development issues in the Global South.

**Mode of delivery:**

Most of the course is virtual, and realized in Moodle environment. Virtual lectures, readings, small tasks, group discussions and assignments.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures, self study, group work, web-based work, essay. To be confirmed at the first lecture.

**Target group:**

Students of geography who will specialize to Tourism Geography. Course is also part of minor studies tourism geography.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

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**Recommended or required reading:**

Most of the course material will be provided via the course's Moodle environment.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Evaluation will be based on the learning diaries and the final assignment, which is also evaluated by peers.

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

1–5.

**Person responsible:**

Senior lecturer Kaarina Tervo-Kankare

**Working life cooperation:**

No.