Eco Summer Camp: From Wild Consumption to Responsible Engagement (4 ECTS credits)

Level: 1st cycle
Discipline: PHILOSOPHY (Ecological Interdisciplinary Studies)
Course ID: NI0405

Admission requirements[1]
General admission requirements for university studies in Sweden[2]. Students taking part in summer school as part of their bachelor's degree program must be enrolled in a corresponding study program at their home university.

Educational goals
After having completed the course the students are expected to be able to:

- Display a general understanding of contemporary debates within environmental studies.
- Exhibit knowledge of the concepts of interdisciplinarity and transdisciplinarity used in contemporary ecological discourses.
- Display a general understanding of various responses to environmental and global sustainability challenges.
- Relate the notion of individual transformation to community transformation and social change.
- Critically reflect on the connection between different aspects of the environmental crisis, such as sociological, technological, economic, legal, or agricultural.
- Critically reflect on one's identity and socio-cultural standing as it relates to consumption, lifestyle choices, and sustainable practices.
- Understand the concept of systems thinking and its potential within the environmental discourse.

Course content
The course aims to give students and other participants a fundamental understanding of how knowledge and experience can enter into dialogue with their distinctive approaches. Students will engage in a holistic and multi-didactic process (lectures, workshops, excursions, groupwork, fireside talks, panel discussions, etc.). The lectures and workshops are held by experts in socioeconomics, ecology, environmental economics, politics, ecological engineering, logistics and

[1] Admission requirements apply only to those participants wishing to attain ECTS credits. These requirements do not limit other participants.
[2] See https://www.universityadmissions.se/intl/start

other fields. In this way, the course will give participants an insight into transdisciplinarity and transformative learning.

Teaching and examination

The summer camp is taught in English. Teaching is given by means of lectures and discussion seminars in Lassalle Haus (Switzerland) and during group discussions and excursions.

The examination is taken in two ways: 1. Students are expected to do assigned readings and participate actively in working sessions (60% of the final grade); and 2. The entire course's content will be examined through a written home assignment at the end of the course on a topic occurring during the course (40% of the final grade) amounting to five-page research paper. The home assignment is due no later than three weeks after participating at the Eco Summer Camp.

Bibliography

The summer school reading material and bibliography, totalling around 250 pages, will be available to students in April, 2024.

See also ”Kursplaner: allmänna bestämmelser” (Course plans: General rules)

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