Overview:
While environmental criticism began to flourish in the 1990s, its historical roots run deep. We will trace the growth of environmental criticism from the history of Western environmental thought, classics of literary criticism, insights from other humanities and social-science disciplines, and engagement with science.

Readings:
- Raymond Williams, *The Country and the City* (1973)
- Herman Melville, *Moby-Dick* (1851)
- Clusters of readings (semiotics; ecological economics; ecofeminism and environmental justice; evolutionary biology and psychology) in journals or on eReserve.

Graded Work:
Two annotated bibliography items from bibliography of Buell, *The Future of Environmental Criticism*. (5%)
- Annotations = 100 words each

A presentation on one week’s readings plus two relevant annotated bibliography items. (15%)
- Annotations = 100 words each
- Presentation should set a productive agenda and inspire interesting, analytical class discussion

A short (4-5 pp.) ecocritical reading of *Moby-Dick*. (10%)

An article-length essay project consisting of prospectus (10%), rough draft and final draft
(60%). Topic must be approved in advance.

- Prospectus = 500 words plus preliminary bibliography (min. 4 sources).
- Rough draft = full length plus full bibliography.
- Final draft = 20-25 pp., suitable for submission to an academic journal, incorporating minimum 8 recent scholarly sources (books published by university presses or equivalent, or articles from academic journals), documented using MLA style.

**Schedule of readings and work due**

1/16 Intro

1/23 Glotfelty and Fromm, eds., *The Ecocriticism Reader*, essays:

1/30 Buell, *Future of Environmental Crit*; **two annotated bibliography items due**

2/6 Worster, *Nature’s Economy*

2/13 Williams, *The Country and the City*

2/20 Buell, *Writing for an Endangered World*

2/27 Cluster on semiotics:


3/5 *Moby-Dick; essay on Moby-Dick due*

3/12 Research week

3/19 *Prospectus for final project due; presentation of topics*

3/26 Spring Break

4/2 Cluster on ecological economics:


4/9 Cluster on evolutionary biology and psychology:


Love, Glen. *Practical Ecocriticism*. Charlottesville, U of Virginia P. 65-88. <eReserve>


4/16 Cluster on ecofeminism and environmental justice:


4/23 Individual conferences on paper

4/30 Draft of paper (including works cited) due; workshop on drafts

**Final paper due Monday, May 5.**

Sign up for Presentations.

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