

General Course Syllabus

Course title

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

Discipline

Ecological interdisciplinary studies

*Admission requirements

General requirements for admission to university studies in the European Union, particularly in Sweden.

Educational goals

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

- Display a general understanding of contemporary debates within ecology.
- 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 conversion to community conversion 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

For many years, the questions concerning the environmental crisis were reserved exclusively for natural scientists, while other fields were considered less relevant and unable to understand the basic laws of nature. Today, we know that the world's socio-environmental crisis is constituted by many but interconnected elements and that due to the fragmentation of knowledge, it is increasingly hard to find adequate ways of solving complex problems.

However, just knowing is no longer enough. A true solution seeks an understanding of all of us, not just the knowledge of a few. Eco Summer Camp aims to give students and other participants a fundamental understanding of how knowledge and experience can enter into dialogue with their distinctive approaches. By engaging in a holistic and multi-didactic (lectures, workshops, excursions, groupwork, fireside talk, panel discussions etc.) approach, where the inputs are held by experts in socioeconomics, ecology, environmental economics, politics, ecological engineering, and logistics (to name just a few) on one side, and activism, mindfulness, fasting, spirituality, human wellbeing on the other side, participants will acquire

insights into the transdisciplinarity and transformative learning needed to successfully make a difference already today.

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 interviews 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).

Bibliography

Summer school reading material and bibliography will be available upon closer of the application period and no later than April 2024.

***Admission requirements apply only to those participants wishing to attain ECTS credits. These requirements do not limit other participants.**