

Spokane Falls Community College
COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Prefix and Course Number:	PHIL 215
Course Title:	Environmental Ethics
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Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Explain why the field of environmental philosophy is relevant to their lives.
2. Demonstrate understanding of the basic concepts of moral reasoning and the ability to utilize them in oral and written communication.
3. Examine the most influential moral theories; i.e., utilitarianism, deontological moral theory, natural law theory, and virtue theory.
4. Evaluate what is at stake in the debate over the moral status of animals (i.e., animal rights); be able to explain some of the most influential philosophical arguments on the issue (e.g., Singer’s utilitarianism and Regan’s deontological extensionism).
5. Analyze some of the salient aspects of the relationship between economics, environmental ethics, ecology, and public policy.
6. Evaluate theories of deep ecology, ecofeminism, and the idea of a “land ethic”.