# uc3m Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

# Ecology: Humans and the Earth

Academic Year: (2023 / 2024) Review date: 26-05-2023

Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

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Type: Electives ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: Semester:

#### **DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME**

This course is meant to provide students with theoretical and practical tools to engage with one of the most pressing questions of this century: the relationship between humans and "Nature". During this course we will critically analyse the complex nexus between humans, ecology, environmental degradation, climate crisis from an interdisciplinary perspective and a South-North-South dialogue. Emerging debates and key concepts from the fields of human ecology, political ecology, anthropology and international law such as the Anthropocene, extractivism, Rights of Nature and more-than-humans

will be discussed. This critical reading will be supported by a range of literature produced by academics, political engaged actors and practitioners in the

Global North and South.

#### LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

## THEORETICAL PRACTICAL CLASSES

Knowledge and concepts students must acquire. Student receive course notes and will have basic reference texts to facilitatefollowing the classes and carrying out follow up work. Students partake in exercises to resolve practical problems and participatein workshops and an evaluation tests, all geared towards acquiring the necessary capabilities. Subjects with 6 ECTS are 44 hours as a general rule / 100% classroom instruction.

### **TUTORING SESSIONS**

Individualized attendance (individual tutoring) or in-group (group tutoring) for students with a teacher. Subjects with 6 credits have 4 hours of tutoring/ 100% on- site attendance.

## STUDENT INDIVIDUAL WORK OR GROUP WORK

Subjects with 6 credits have 98 hours/0% on-site.

#### ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

#### FINAL EXAM

Global assessment of knowledge, skills and capacities acquired throughout the course. The percentage of the evaluation varies for each subject between 60% and 0%.

# **CONTINUOUS EVALUATION**

Assesses papers, projects, class presentations, debates, exercises, internships and workshops throughout the course. The percentage of the evaluation varies for each subject between 40% and 100% of the final grade.

% end-of-term-examination: 60

% of continuous assessment (assignents, laboratory, practicals...): 40