

ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES

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Graduate Certificate in Environmental Humanities

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GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES

Yale Environmental Humanities aims to deepen our understanding of the ways that culture is intertwined with nature and to contribute to a broad interdisciplinary conversation about humanity and the fate of the planet. Humanities scholars have an opportunity to reshape how we think about environmental problems and “the environment” itself. In turn, interdisciplinary dialogue with scientists and social

scientists can stimulate the humanities in productive ways, raising new research questions and providing fresh ways to approach long-standing issues. As an interdisciplinary initiative, Yale Environmental Humanities draws particularly on faculty and courses from across the humanities departments, including American Studies, Anthropology, Comparative Literature and other literature departments, English, Film and Media Studies, History, History of Art, and Philosophy, as well as from professional schools, including Architecture, Divinity, Drama, Environment, and Public Health.

The Graduate Certificate in Environmental Humanities is available to students already enrolled in a Ph.D. program at Yale who seek to establish a strong foundation in environmental humanities topics and methodologies across the humanities disciplines. Students who complete the graduate certificate will gain skills working in interdisciplinary environmental settings and representing humanities perspectives on a broad range of environmental topics. Interested students are strongly encouraged to register for the certificate by meeting with the director of graduate studies (DGS) during their first year.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES

Students who wish to receive the certificate must complete the following course work, research, and teaching requirements:

1. Three approved graduate or professional school courses focusing entirely or substantially on environmental themes, broadly defined. At least one of the courses should involve approximately 50 percent of its material from outside a student's home department or discipline. In consultation with the DGS and the student's Environmental Humanities adviser (who can also be their departmental adviser), each student is expected to organize their elective courses around a concentration related to their departmental course work and doctoral research. Elective courses will be chosen from a list of the environmental humanities graduate courses that are being offered each term.
2. Two terms of the Environmental Humanities certificate workshop, Topics in the Environmental Humanities (HIST 963 and HIST 964). Students must complete both a fall term and a spring term of the workshop, but the two terms of student participation need not be consecutive. Topics in the Environmental Humanities is a half-credit course that will be offered in both the fall and spring terms (one credit total). Academic credit from the workshop course typically does not count toward departmental course work requirements.
3. Students must demonstrate the capacity to pursue independent, interdisciplinary research in environmental humanities by presenting a qualifying paper at a meeting of the Environmental Humanities workshop, Graduate Research Symposium, or other approved venue.
4. Students must fulfill a teaching requirement by serving as a teaching fellow for an approved environmental humanities course or by completing an approved public humanities project. Other options are possible if appropriate teaching opportunities are not available.

Each of these requirements will require approval from the DGS of Environmental Humanities. Additional certificate program information, including the application and requirements checklist for the certificate, is available on the Environmental Humanities website (<https://environmentalhumanities.yale.edu>) or by contacting environmentalhumanities@yale.edu.

CERTIFICATE WORKSHOP

HIST 963a and HIST 964b / ANTH 963a and ANTH 964b / HSAR 841a and HSAR 842b / HSHM 691a and HSHM 692b, Topics in the Environmental Humanities Paul Sabin and Sunil Amrith

This is the required workshop for the Graduate Certificate in Environmental Humanities. The workshop meets six times per term to explore concepts, methods, and pedagogy in the environmental humanities, and to share student and faculty research. Each student pursuing the Graduate Certificate in Environmental Humanities must complete both a fall term and a spring term of the workshop, but the two terms of student participation need not be consecutive. The fall term each year emphasizes key concepts and major intellectual currents. The spring term each year emphasizes pedagogy, methods, and public practice. Specific topics vary each year. Students who have previously enrolled in the course may audit the course in a subsequent year. This course does not count toward the coursework requirement in history. Open only to students pursuing the Graduate Certificate in Environmental Humanities. ½ Course cr per term