

## **NRES 428: Valuing Nature**



Understanding how and why people value the environment is a critical challenge that will help to build sustainable communities and ecosystems. This course will review current theories and state-of-the art methods related to the factors that influence human behavior in natural resource management contexts. Students focus particular attention on studying how values, concepts of place, and environmental attitudes shape decisions in everyday life. Discussions are structured around three modules related to protected areas, fisheries management, and energy transitions toward sustainability. This class is open to advanced undergraduates and graduate students from disciplines such as ecology, environmental studies, psychology, sociology, urban planning, economics, recreation management, political science, and geography.

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**Tuesday & Thursday 2:00-3:20pm  
3 credit hours**

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