

'Race to Save the Planet'



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Collaboration is a key to solving some of the world's most challenging issues. "Race to Save the Planet" is a unique learning option offered by MCTC that gives students an opportunity to collaborate and deeply engage with their instructors — and each other — while learning about issues involving our environment and planet.

This interdisciplinary block of courses offered this fall is set up as an intentional learning community in which students meet three days a week for three hours a day and earn 10 credits across three disciplines: biology, political science and philosophy (ethics).

The lectures, assignments and activities are integrated by the instructors to give students a holistic look at the environment from a broad range of perspectives. The course work includes public work projects where students apply what they learn in class to actions in their own community.

"I've never had a class where people were so willing to open up to each other," says Kristin Lessard, a student who took the class last year. "Before enrolling in the course, I never had any serious environment focus, but now I'm going to major in environmental science. It's the best class I've ever had!"

RACE TO SAVE THE PLANET: FALL 2009

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| 000584 | BIOL | 1136 | 02 | Environmental Science [MnTC: 3, 10] | 3 | Geist | M W F | 12:00p- 3:20p | S 112 | |
| 000303 | BIOL | 1137 | 32 | Environmental Science Lab [MnTC: 3, 10] | 1 | Geist | F | 12:00p- 3:20p | S 1200 | Must attend 1st lab meeting on 8/28. |
| 000900 | PHIL | 1171 | 03 | Ethics [MnTC: 6, 9] | 3 | Hovda | M W F | 12:00p- 3:20p | S 1120 | |
| 000228 | PSCI | 1137 | 01 | Environment, Politics and Society [MnTC: 5, 10] | 3 | Pearson | M W F | 12:00p- 3:20p | S 1120 | |

"Race to Save the Planet" is learning community consisting of an integrated block of 4 courses (BIOL 1136-02, BIOL 1137-32, PHIL 1171-03 and PSCI 1137-01). Students must register for the entire 10 credits block. Instructors: Diane Pearson, Cathy Geist and Jeremy Hovda. The class meets 12:00-3:20pm on M, W and F. (Lab times in S1200 are arranged within these class time periods.)