

RELS 298/ENVT 352: Nature Ethics and Ecovillages in Europe



RELS 298/ENVT 395 This summer I class introduces students to the academic study of religion and nature, and also to the environmental humanities. This will be done through investigating the values and reasons that motivate some humans to live in intentional communities with a focus on ecovillages in Europe. Students will become familiar with key religious studies theories that help them to understand human-nature interactions, focusing on religious environmentalism and nature-as-sacred forms of religiosities. This exploration will be undertaken within the context of contemporary issues including the environmental crisis, sustainable agriculture, environmental justice, globalization, urban planning, sustainability, and concepts of ecotopia.

Note: this is a summer I study abroad course and **a program fee of \$3,750 is required** (not including airfare, tuition, or associated fees); students must also register in URST 313: Sustainable Urbanism in order to participate in the study abroad. Students must apply for the program by February 8th, 2017. For more information, contact Dr. Todd LeVasseur at levasseur@cofc.edu, Dr. Kevin Keenan at KeenanK@cofc.edu, and visit the Center for International Education, Study Abroad Programs: <https://cofc.abroadoffice.net>.