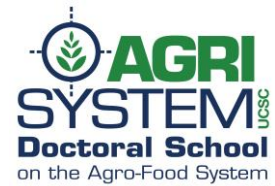




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## ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS AND THE CHRISTIAN PROPOSAL

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### Course Aims

The course aims at the confrontation between contemporary environmental ethics and the Christian vision of nature. Through the attentive reading of the Encyclical Letter *Laudato si'*, the students will also learn to critically approach Catholic moral doctrine about ecology, understanding its intentions, gains and limits in the greatest context of Christian theology.

### Methodology

Lectures, analysis of texts, discussions.  
Students will be required to attend the course and to actively participate in the discussions.

### Course Description

The course starts by providing a description of the mechanisms of the Church's Magisterium, analyzing its claim of non-reformable assertions and its possibilities of interpretation. In a second moment the students will be led to understand the peculiarities of the Christian position in the ecological debate. Finally, the peculiarities of the *Laudato si'* and the different reactions to the document. Eventually the students will be able to approach critically the Catholic social teaching about environmental issues, both from a Christian and from a secular point of view.

### Recommended Texts

Pope Francis, *Laudato si'* (2015). Other readings will be suggested during the course

