



**Social Justice and Peace Studies 3383F (570)**  
**ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE**  
**Fall/ Winter 2025-2026**

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**Course Information**

**Calendar Description:**

This course critically examines ecological ideas. Students will study ecological philosophies, concepts, major environmental challenges, impacts of human experiments on the environment, as well as creative ways to develop environmentally just society where all life systems can flourish.

**Antirequisite(s):** Social Justice and Peace Studies Special Topics 2274A/B (2015-16), (2014-15).

**Prerequisite(s):** Social Justice and Peace Studies 1025F/G and Social Justice and Peace Studies 1026F/G; or 1.0 course at the 2200 level or above.

**Extra Information:** 3 hours.

**Course Weight:** 0.50

**Breadth:** Category A

**Subject Code:** SOCLJUST

Notice: Unless you have either the requisites for this course (fulfilment of pre-requisites, no anti-requisite conflicts), or special permission from your Dean to enrol in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

**SOCLJUST3383F: Ecological Justice**  
**King's University College**

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Instructor: Dr. Klaire Gain  
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**Prerequisites:** Social Justice and Peace Studies 1025F/G and Social Justice and Peace Studies 1026F/G; or 1.0 course at the 2200 level or above.

**Course Overview:** What are the impacts of our current ecological crisis? How can we foster environmental sustainability and co-create societies where all life can flourish? Through land-based pedagogies, this course examines philosophies of ecological justice, ecological concepts and environmental activism, challenging the larger systems of inequality that produce unjust environmental and climate conditions. In SOCLJUST3383F students will critically examine topics of ecological justice through multiple pedagogies. Students will situate themselves and their own experiences in relation to the land and employ intersectional frameworks to analyze the ways in which the ecological crisis is interconnected with race, class and gender and intertwined with social, political and economic systems. Through a centering of Indigenous ways of knowing, students will immerse themselves in the theories and praxis of ecological justice, developing the skills and understandings to create a more just and equitable planet.

**Course texts:** All readings/resources available online via OWL at no additional cost

**Learning Objectives:** Throughout the course of SOCLJUST3383F students will:

- Explore key debates, discussions and theories surrounding the current ecological crisis.
- Develop an understanding of the connections between ecological justice and social, cultural, political and economic systems.
- Engage with classic and contemporary texts/theorists regarding questions of ecological justice and theories of political change.
- Explore current and historical movements for ecological justice through an intersectional lens, centring the experiences and activism of BIPOC communities.
- Formulate a personal framework for discussing, debating and fostering ecological justice and situating oneself in relationship with our surrounding ecologies.

**Learning Outcomes:** Upon completion of this course, students will be expected to:

- Identify the ways in which ecological justice can be generated in theory and praxis.
- Explain how the ecological crisis is intertwined with social, cultural, political, and economic systems through structures of power and oppression.
- Demonstrate foundational knowledge of key debates and theories of ecological justice, centring intersectional frameworks.
  
- Apply knowledge and understanding of ecological justice to critically analyze contemporary case studies

In addition, the course will assist students in developing aptitude in:

- Analytical/critical thinking;
- Oral and written communication skills; and
- Research.

**Class Attendance and Participation:**

I expect that students will have read and thoughtfully engaged with all weekly material. I also expect that we will collectively maintain a respectful classroom and constructive learning environment. This includes compassion and empathy, active listening to different perspectives and never engaging in hateful speech or behaviour. Please note that since we are discussing topics of power, oppression and social justice, you may find some material to be difficult to read/watch. Your emotional health is important and please do not hesitate to reach out if there is material that may be challenging for you to engage with.

Please also note that much of this course is centered around land-based pedagogies, meaning that we will be spending a significant amount of time outside, so please come dressed appropriately for the weather. If you have any mobility concerns, please let me know so we can ensure all spaces are accessible.

**Class Schedule & Readings:**

Date	Topic	Readings
Week 1: September 4th <i>Unit 1: Theories of Ecological Justice</i>	Introduction to Ecological Justice and Each Other	Review Syllabus

<p>Week 2: September 11<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Theories of Ecological Justice: Principles of Ecological Justice, Settler Colonialism &amp; Environmental Racism</p> <p><i>Guest Speaker: Knowledge Keeper Mary-Anne Kechego</i></p>	<p>Podcast: Gosine &amp; Leal (2021). Environmental Racism &amp; Justice in Canada.</p> <p>Podcast: Mbwaach'idiwag Episode 2 : Walking Along Deshkan Ziibing with Summer Bressett</p> <p>Agyeman, J. et al. (2016). Trends and Directions in environmental justice: from inequality to everyday life, community, and just sustainabilities (p. 321-330)</p>
<p>Week 3: September 18<sup>th</sup></p> <p><i>Eco-Autobiography Due</i></p>	<p>Theories of Ecological Justice: Interspecies Justice and Human/Non-Human Animal Relations</p>	<p>Readings TBD</p>
<p>Week 4: September 25<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Theories of Ecological Justice: Ecofeminism and Queer Ecologies</p>	<p>Podcast: Ecofeminism and Queer Ecologies: <a href="https://www.ecopoliticspodcast.ca/episode-9-ecofeminism-and-queer-ecology-2/">https://www.ecopoliticspodcast.ca/episode-9-ecofeminism-and-queer-ecology-2/</a></p> <p>Woelfle-Erskine. (2022). Underflows : queer trans ecologies and river justice. Introduction pp. 3-35</p> <p>Bowmani. (2021). Now is the time for a Black Queer Feminist Ecology. Pp. 1-7</p>
<p>Week 5: October 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p><i>Unit Two: Theory to Praxis: Social Movements and Land - Based Activism</i></p>	<p>Urban Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Ecological Justice:</p> <p><i>"Field Trip"- Urban Roots Farm Visit</i></p>	<p>Watch "Urban Roots: Urban Gardens in Detroit" on Kanopy</p> <p>Plummer (2016): The real value of urban farming (hint: it's not always the food)</p> <p>Read: <a href="https://www.urbanrootslondon.ca/">https://www.urbanrootslondon.ca/</a></p>
<p>Week 6: October 9<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Ecological Justice on Campus</p>	<p>Read: <a href="https://www.kings.uwo.ca/about-kings/kings-">https://www.kings.uwo.ca/about-kings/kings-</a></p>

<p><i>'More Than Human' Profile Report Due</i></p>	<p><i>Antler River Rally On Campus River Clean Up</i></p>	<p><a href="https://www.antlerriverrally.ca/initiativespartners/environment-and-sustainability/eco-initiatives/">initiationspartners/environment-and-sustainability/eco-initiatives/</a></p> <p>Knerr (2022): 5 things colleges can do to help save the planet from climate change</p> <p>Read: <a href="https://www.antlerriverrally.ca/">https://www.antlerriverrally.ca/</a></p>
<p>Week 7: October 16<sup>th</sup></p> <p><i>Unit 3: Case Studies</i></p>	<p>Case Study: 'The Coves'</p> <p><i>"Field Trip" to the Coves</i></p>	<p>Look through "The Coves Collective" Instagram Page: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/the_coves_collective/?hl=en">https://www.instagram.com/the_coves_collective/?hl=en</a></p> <p>CBC News (2024): A new art exhibit takes you deeper into the history and ecosystem of the Coves in London: <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/a-new-art-exhibit-takes-you-deeper-into-the-history-and-ecosystem-of-the-coves-in-london-1.7192459">https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/a-new-art-exhibit-takes-you-deeper-into-the-history-and-ecosystem-of-the-coves-in-london-1.7192459</a></p> <p>Friends of the Coves (2025): Read through "About the Coves": <a href="https://www.thecoves.ca/about-coves">https://www.thecoves.ca/about-coves</a></p>
<p>Week 8: October 23<sup>rd</sup></p>	<p>Writing Week for Critical Research Paper</p> <p><i>Dr. Gain is at a conference and will be available for 1:1 zoom meetings at request</i></p>	<p>No Assigned Readings</p>
<p>Week 9: October 30<sup>th</sup></p> <p><i>Critical Research Paper Due</i></p>	<p>Case Study: Hurricane Katrina, Racism and Ecological Justice</p>	<p>Klein (2006): The Shock Doctrine: Chapter 1: Introduction: Blank is Beautiful (pp. 1-25)</p> <p>Collins-Dexter (2022): What did Hurricane Katrina teach us about environmental racism?</p>

		Adeola & Picou (2017): Hurricane-Katrina linked environmental injustice: race, class and place differentials in attitudes (pp. 1-30)
Week 10: November 6 <sup>th</sup>  <b>Fall Reading Week</b>	Fall Reading Week	No Assigned Readings
Week 11: November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Case Study: Ecological Justice and Extraction from the Dominican Republic to the Ring of Fire	Readings TBD
Week 12: November 20 <sup>th</sup>  <i>Class Presentations</i>	Presentations of Research Findings	No readings, prep for presentations
Week 13: November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Presentations of Research Findings	No readings, prep for presentations
Week 14: December 4 <sup>th</sup>  <i>Unit 4: What's Next?</i>  <b>Last Day of Class</b>	Moving Forward: Climate Anxiety and Fostering Ecological Justice	Ray, S. (2020). A Field Guide to Climate anxiety: How to Keep You Cool on a Warming Planet. Introduction & Conclusion  Taylor, A. and L. Hunt-Hendrix. (2019). One for All: To avert global catastrophe, we urgently need to resurrect the ancient idea of solidarity.  Martinez-Allier, J. (2012). Environmental Justice and Economic Degrowth: An Alliance between Two Movement (pp. 51-73)

		Cassidy (2020). Can we have prosperity without growth?
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**Assignment Schedule:**

Assignment	Description	Value
Engagement Ongoing	Attendance and Participation	15%
Ecological Autobiography September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Critically reflect upon your own experiences with ecological justice  4-5 pages (1000-1250 words)	15%
'More Than Human' Profile Report October 9 <sup>th</sup>	4-5 pages (1000-1250 words)	15%
Critical Research Paper October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Critical Research Paper on an issue pertinent to ecological justice (2000-2500 words)	30% (25% paper, 5% rough work)
Presentation of Research Findings November 20 <sup>th</sup> & November 27 <sup>th</sup>	A 15-20 minute presentation of your research findings	25%

**Assignment Details:**

All assignments are to be completed in APA format

## **Participation- Ongoing (15%)**

You will be required to read for each class. Plan to read critically rather than just for content. You are expected to have read all assigned materials prior to each class period and to be prepared to participate in discussions. This is a seminar course and therefore the success of the class and your learning will be highly dependent on active engagement. Grades are based on regular attendance, demonstrating of engagement with reading, asking insightful questions, contributing to discussion and being a respectful listener. No single portion (attendance, discussion, etc.) determines your overall participation grade.

**Ecological Autobiography: September 18<sup>th</sup> (15%):** This “ecological autobiography” will provide an opportunity to reflect upon your own life and experiences surrounding your development of an understanding of topics related ecological justice. Things to consider could include (but are not limited to): How has your relationship and understanding of ecology throughout your lifetime? What situations or experiences (personal, community, national or global) have influenced your awareness of ecological justice? Are there specific people or figures who impacted your understanding of these issues? How does your own positionality (social location) impact your understanding or relationship with ecology? You will not be evaluated based on your current knowledge and understanding of issues related to ecological justice, but rather your ability to introspectively evaluate your experiences and what led you to wanting to join SOCLJUST23383F. Your reflection should be 4-5 pages (1250~ words, double spaced, excluding title page) and does not require external sources.

**‘More than Human’ Profile Report: October 9<sup>th</sup> (15%):** Choose a specific animal, plant, insect, micro-organism, geologic formation, or other nonhuman being that can be found along Deshkan Ziiibiing (The Thames River), in the Thames River watershed. Write a 4-5 page report (1000-1250 words) that : (1) briefly describes the being, (2) emphasizes the significance of why you chose them, (3) explains some of their roles, relationships, and responsibilities 4) makes connections to theories of ecological justice. Explain socio-historical background and/or context as needed and feel free to draw upon course content, articles, photos, stories, field study, lived experience, and other sources.

**Critical Essay: October 30<sup>th</sup> (Essay 25%- Rough Work 5% = 30%)** Students are expected to write a final essay regarding a topic pertinent to ecological justice. A list of potential topics, along with further details, will be posted on the OWL page. If you have a topic outside of this that you would like to research, please confirm with the instructor. This paper should be 2000-2500 words in length and written in APA formatting. You will also be required to submit your “rough work” (worth 5%) to demonstrate the originality of your paper (a detailed outline, notes from your literature review, etc.)

**Presentation of Research Findings- November 20<sup>th</sup> & November 27<sup>th</sup> (25%):** a 15-20 minute presentation of your research findings. Your discussion should include information such as: What is my research topic? Why am I interested in this topic? Why is this topic important? What have I found? Have I found any conflicting information? Is this what I expected to find? How

does this information relate to ecological justice? How does this research contribute to ongoing discourse of ecological justice? Feel free to include short multimedia in your presentation. This will be discussed further throughout the term.

**Absences and late assignments:** Late assignments and papers will have 2% per day late penalty. Assignments and papers are due at the beginning of class. In the event of a medical emergency, students are requested to contact the Academic Dean's Office immediately to determine a course of action. This typically requires medical documentation or other relevant proof as to why an absence was unavoidable.

Please refer to this policy:

[https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/accommodation\\_illness.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_illness.pdf)

**Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness:**

([http://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/accommodation\\_medical.pdf](http://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf)). Student Medical

Certificate (SMC) [https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf)

**Tests/Examinations:** Students are responsible for seeking accommodation with appropriate documentation, prior to writing tests/examinations, if they are of the view that their performance may be affected by extenuating circumstances.

**Support Services:** Your mental health is important. Students who are in emotional/mental health distress should refer to Mental Health@Western:

<http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help. University Students Council provides many valuable support services for students (including the health insurance plan) <http://westernusc.ca/services/>.

Information about Counselling and Student Development, including Accessibility Services (formerly Services for Students with Disabilities) at King's is available at <http://www.kings.uwo.ca/about-kings/who-we-are/administrative-departments/dean-of-students/>

For emotional/mental health assistance see: <http://www.kings.uwo.ca/current-students/campus-services/student-support-services/personal-counselling/>

The website for Academic Services at King's University College is <http://www.kings.uwo.ca/current-students/academic-support/>

**Statement on Use of Electronic Devices:**

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### Use of Laptops in the Classroom:

King's University College at The University of Western Ontario acknowledges the integration of new

technologies and learning methods into the curriculum. The use of laptop computers can contribute to student engagement and effective learning. At the same time, King's recognizes that instructors and students share jointly the responsibility to establish and maintain a respectful classroom environment conducive to learning.

The use of laptops by students during lectures, seminars, labs, etc., shall be for matters related to the course at hand only. Students found to be using laptops for purposes not directly related to the class may be subject to sanctions under the Student Code of Conduct. See [https://www.kings.uwo.ca/kings/assets/File/currentStudents/studentLife/conduct/code\\_of\\_conduct\\_2003.pdf](https://www.kings.uwo.ca/kings/assets/File/currentStudents/studentLife/conduct/code_of_conduct_2003.pdf)

Inappropriate use of laptops [or smart phones] during lectures, seminars, labs, etc., creates a significant disruption. As a consequence, instructors may choose to limit the use of electronic devices in these settings. In addition, in order to provide a safe classroom environment, students are strongly advised to operate laptops with batteries rather than power cords."

### **Statement on Academic Offences:**

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Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/scholastic\\_discipline\\_undergrad.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf)

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com <http://turnitin.uwo.ca/>.

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

### **Copyright re: Course Material**

Lectures and course materials, including power point presentations, tests, outlines, and similar materials are protected by copyright. Faculty Members are the exclusive owner of copyright in those materials they create. Students may take notes and make copies for their own use. Students may not allow others to reproduce or distribute lecture notes and course materials publicly (whether or not a fee is charged) without the express written consent of a Faculty Member. Similarly, students own copyright in their own original papers and exam essays. If a faculty member is interested in posting a student's answers or papers on the course web site he/she should ask for the student's written permission.

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(Commercial use of Course material - <http://umd.edu/legal/commercial.html>) **Mailbox re Submission of Late Essays/Assignments ONLY:**

Only late essays/assignments not handed in at class may be dropped off in the drop box, located between the inner doors of the Cardinal Carter Library. Please inform your students that essays dropped into the mailbox will be picked-up twice per day: once in the morning (9:30 a.m.) and in the afternoon (4:00 p.m.). All essays dropped off after 4:00 p.m. on a Friday will be date-stamped the following Monday. Essays should be placed in an envelope addressed to the professor with the course code and student number clearly indicated.

**Class Cancellations:**

All reported class cancellations are posted at: <http://www.kings.uwo.ca/current-students/outages-service-interruptions/>

**KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**  
**GENERAL COURSE POLICIES**  
**2025-2026**

**1. Academic Accommodations, Consideration for Absences**

**Academic Accommodation (Accessibility)**

Accessibility Services works to ensure that academic programs are accessible to all students, and supports students who may have a condition related to, but not limited to, vision, hearing, mobility, different ways of learning, mental health, chronic illnesses, chronic pain, autism spectrum disorder, ADD/ADHD, and temporary conditions (beyond short-term academic consideration). Accessibility Services provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive assessment. The accommodation policy can be found here [Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#). Information on Accessibility Services at King's can be found [here](#).

**Academic Consideration for Student Absence**

If a student is unable to meet a course requirement due to substantial but temporary extenuating circumstances (medical or compassionate), they should follow the procedures below.

In some cases, where instructors have built flexibility into their assessments, this flexibility will already address consideration needs.

Requests for academic consideration should be directed to the Academic Advising Office of your faculty/college of registration. Requests must be made as soon as possible and no later than 48 hours after the missed assessment.

As a rule, documentation is required for academic consideration. For academic consideration requests on medical grounds, the Student Medical Certificate is available at [https://www.kings.uwo.ca/kings/assets/File/currentStudents/courses\\_enrollment/exams\\_and\\_tests/SMC-Feb-2025.pdf](https://www.kings.uwo.ca/kings/assets/File/currentStudents/courses_enrollment/exams_and_tests/SMC-Feb-2025.pdf).

Students are permitted one academic consideration request without supporting documentation per term per course.

Instructors may designate one assessment per half-course weight as requiring formal supporting documentation. Please refer to the course outline for each course.

For further information, please see:

[https://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/academic\\_consideration\\_Sep24.pdf](https://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/academic_consideration_Sep24.pdf)

**Absences from Final Examinations**

If you miss the Final Exam, contact the Academic Advising Office of your faculty/college of registration as soon as you are able to do so. They will assess your eligibility to write the Special Examination (the name given by the University to a makeup Final Exam).

You may also be eligible to write the Special Exam if you are in a “Multiple Exam Situation” (e.g., more than 2 exams in 23-hour period, or more than 3 exams in a 47-hour period).

If a student fails to write a scheduled Special Examination, the date of the next Special Examination (if granted) normally will be the scheduled date for the final exam the next time this course is offered. The maximum course load for that term will be reduced by the credit of the course(s) for which the final examination has been deferred. See the Academic Calendar for details (under Special Examinations).

### **Religious Accommodation**

Students should consult the University's list of recognized religious holidays, and should give notice in writing to the instructor and Academic Advising Office if a course requirement will be affected by a religious holiday/observance. Notice must be given as early as possible, and no later than two weeks prior to an examination, and one week prior to a midterm test date. It is the responsibility of such students to inform themselves concerning the work done in classes from which they are absent and to take appropriate action.

## **2. Support Services**

Accessibility, Counselling and Student Development at King's University College:  
<https://www.kings.uwo.ca/current-students/student-services/>

Students experiencing emotional or mental health distress can access services at King's University

College: <http://www.kings.uwo.ca/current-students/campus-services/student-supportservices/personal-counselling/>

Good2talk is a good online and phone 24/7 resource for students and is available in English, Mandarin, and French: <https://good2talk.ca>, 1-866-925-5454

MentalHealth@Western provides a complete list of options about how to obtain help:  
[https://www.uwo.ca/health/mental\\_wellbeing/](https://www.uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/)

Academic Support Services at King's University College:  
<https://www.kings.uwo.ca/current-students/academic-resources/>

### **GBSV Support:**

King's is committed to reducing incidents of gender-based and sexual violence and providing compassionate support to anyone who has gone through these traumatic events. If you have experienced sexual or gender-based violence (either recently or in the past), you will find information about support services for survivors, including emergency contacts at:  
<https://www.kings.uwo.ca/about-kings/safe-campus/gender-and-sexual-violence/>

You can reach someone supports at Kings by emailing [Care@kings.uwo.ca](mailto:Care@kings.uwo.ca) or calling 519-930-4640 to reach a social worker who can offer help.

You can also reach Western's Gender-Based Violence & Survivor Support Case Manager by email or by calling 519-661-3568.

Further supports can be found on this website: <https://www.kings.uwo.ca/about-kings/safecampus/gender-and-sexual-violence/>

See also [https://www.uwo.ca/health/student\\_support/survivor\\_support/get-help.html](https://www.uwo.ca/health/student_support/survivor_support/get-help.html)

University Students' Council offers many valuable support services for students, including the health insurance plan: <http://westernusc.ca/services/>

### **3. Statement on Use of Electronic Devices**

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Use of Laptops, Tablets, and Smartphones in the Classroom: King's University College at Western University acknowledges the integration of new technologies and learning methods into the curriculum. The use of electronic devices such as laptop computers, tablets, or smartphones can contribute to student engagement and effective learning. At the same time, King's recognizes that instructors and students share jointly the responsibility to establish and maintain a respectful classroom environment conducive to learning.

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It is expected that students will submit work that is truly their own, completed without external assistance (human or artificial) except as explicitly permitted by the course instructor. Check with you instructor on what tools, including generative AI (ChatGPT, translation tools, grammarchecking tools) are permitted in the course. Because a tool is permitted in one course, that does not mean it is permitted in other courses.

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system; see <https://elearningtoolkit.uwo.ca/tools/Originality Reports - TurnItIn.html>.

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Similarly, students own copyright in their own original papers and exam essays. If a faculty member wishes to post a student's answers or papers on the course website, they should ask for the student's written permission.

### **6. Use of Recordings**

Participants in this course are not permitted to record the sessions, except where recording is an approved accommodation and/or the participant has the prior written permission of the instructor. Unauthorized recording and/or sharing of class content is subject to academic discipline.

### **7. Policy on Attendance**

Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course, will be reported to the Dean of the Faculty offering the course, after due warning has been given. On the recommendation of the department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean of that Faculty, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course.