

## Course Description Form

Course number and section: CULT 390A - 0001

Course Topic: Environmental Justice, Epistemic Justice: Cultural Practices and Possibilities

Credits: 3

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Course Description (aim for no more than 80 – 100 words for your course description):

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### **CULT 390A - Environmental Justice, Epistemic Justice: Cultural Practices and Possibilities**

How are local and global communities constructed along the fault lines of unequal access to environments - as healthy relations in place - and what kinds of re-distribution are possible? How are dominant knowledge systems, ***cultural texts and practices*** the sources of such socio-environmental inequities and how then, might we find remedies in different knowledge systems, ***cultural texts and practices?***

We will take up these questions beginning with local Syilx Okanagan lands and expanding our sights to other regions and global cases. We will examine systems of knowing constructed through colonialism, racism, capitalism and anthropocentrism and explore “epistemic” or knowledge interventions that permit different ways of creatively constructing community.

Tentative Reading List: TBD

Other: