

SPECIAL CRC SECTION OF HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY/ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES 460 AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY



Consider taking the special CRC section of History/Geography/Environmental Studies 460, “American Environmental History,” with former CRC Faculty Director Bill Cronon.

Environmental history studies the changing relationships between human beings and the natural world through time. The familiar terrain of American history looks very different when seen in its environmental context.

Despite being numbered at the 400-level, this course is an introductory survey, with no prerequisites. It assumes no background in American history, geography, or environmental studies, and offers a general overview for students interested in any of these fields, from entry-level undergraduates through graduate students.

Lectures are 8:00-9:15am on Mondays and Wednesdays in 2650 Humanities, right across the street from Chadbourne Hall; the CRC section is 5:30-6:30pm Tuesdays, with an optional meal beforehand at 5:00pm.

Learn more about the course at www.williamcronon.net/courses/460.htm

Here’s what past CRC students have said about the special CRC section of 460:

American Environmental History was a great course. It helped me to understand some of the reasons behind why things are the way there are, and why we think about things the way we do here in the United States. I would also highly recommend taking the CRC section if at all possible. It was really beneficial to have people from the class living in the same building. It made for great study groups, as well as friendships!

---Molly Wissell

This life-altering course explores all facets of American history and draws unlikely connections, enriching your understanding of why America looks and operates in the ways it does. Professor Cronon challenges your ideas about nature and permanency, and depicts how, in concrete ways, the land is ever-changing.

---Allie Tempus

The CRC section for Environmental History 460 was the cherry on top of an incredible class that never ceased to inspire me. The community our discussion formed enabled not only more interesting and dynamic discussions than most classes, but a deeper sense of belonging and engagement in both the class and our dorm life.

---Amelia Rose Mitter-Burke

History 460 highlighted the evolution of environmental values and changed the way I view human interactions with nature. I strongly recommend enrolling in the Chadbourne discussion section--in addition to the convenience of meeting in my residence hall, it was particularly nice as a freshman to have a class of familiar faces.

---Cate McCraw