



# Exploring Oregon's Landscapes

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## COURSES

**First-Year Experience Seminar**  
UGST 109  
1 credit

**Intro to Environmental Studies: Humanities**  
ENVS 203  
Core Education Arts & Letters (>1)  
4 credits

**Understanding Landscapes**  
LA 260  
Core Education Arts & Letters (>1)  
4 credits

**\*This is a Deep-Dive FIG**

## CALENDAR

**First FIG Meeting**  
You will get to meet your FIG classmates, FIG Assistant (FA), and Faculty before classes start!

Check your FIG page in September to find out more details.

## ACADEMIC TEAM

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## ABOUT THIS FIG

### FYE Seminar

Oregon is a land of immense natural beauty, with acres of forests, rivers, grasslands, mountains, and deserts. To really understand this state's landscapes, you have to get outdoors and experience them yourself. This FIG provides opportunities for students to do just that and, more importantly, think about how ideas they're learning in the classroom apply to landscapes outside the classroom. Over the course of the quarter, we will take several field trips that explore the history and ecology of Oregon's open spaces. We will learn about how lands are managed, why Oregonians so often fight over how lands should be managed, and meet some of the people who live and work on these lands. This FIG will appeal to anyone who wants to experience Oregon's natural landscapes--and learn about their past, present. Please note: many of our field trips will require moderate hiking. Also, this is Oregon in the fall, so rain is likely.

### Intro to Environmental Studies: Humanities

In this course we will learn about what the Humanities are, as an interdisciplinary field, and how Humanities methods and research contribute to environmental thought and action. The class involves reading and research but also creativity and innovation. It is a lab in which we will think together about the possible futures of our stressed planet and how to harness imagination in the service of sustainability.

### Understanding Landscapes

This course presents a richly illustrated overview of the relationships between human cultures and their gardens and other designed landscapes. Students study a broad range of gardens, parks and memorials, as well as a few civic landscapes. These places exemplify both the distinctive characteristics of many world cultures and themes found in the creation of special multi-cultural landscapes. Gardens are studied as metaphors for the human cultural ideas they seek to express and nurture. Students learn about the structure and pattern of designed landscapes, the history of environmental policies and values that affect them, and the ways that landscape designs are understood and described.

## NEXT STEPS

After you're registered for your FIG, you will want to check out the Meet Your FIG page (<https://fyp.uoregon.edu/fall-2022-figs>). This page will have everything you need to know before the beginning of fall term, including how to email your FIG Assistant, your summer assignment, and when you will be meeting your FIG for the first time in September. In order to prepare for your coursework and be notified about important academic deadlines you will want to download the "Canvas" and "Navigate" apps to your devices. Also, be sure to visit the FYE Community page in September, which has all the resources you'll need to achieve success in your first-year (<https://fyp.uoregon.edu/community>). If you have questions about anything, make sure you email your FIG Assistant – they are here to help!



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10AM					
11AM					ENVS 203 13391 VOL 101 11:00am-11:50am
12PM	LA 260 15579 GSH 123 12:00pm-1:50pm		LA 260 15579 GSH 123 12:00pm-1:50pm		
1PM					
2PM		ENVS 203 13387 WIL 100 2:00pm-3:20pm		ENVS 203 13387 WIL 100 2:00pm-3:20pm	
3PM					
4PM		UGST 109 16157 WIL 100 4:00pm - 4:50pm			
5PM					

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