



# Human Fragility

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## COURSES

### College Connections

PHIL 199

1 credit

### Introduction to Environmental Studies: Natural Sciences

ENVS 202

Core Education Science (>3)

4 credits

### Philosophical Problems

PHIL 101 - *WEB Course*

Core Education Arts & Letters (>1)

4 credits

## 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

### College Connections

Human Fragility can take many forms. Human bodies are mortal. Human brains are subject to “disorders.” The environments on which humans depend are always changing. Human societies are subject to inequalities. Focusing on this year’s Common Reading book, *Clade*, this FIG will explore some of these fragilities and possible responses to them. The main focus will be on human interactions with their physical environments — past, present, and future — and we will discuss possible ways to understand what the current environmental situation means for human possibilities in the future.

### Introduction to Environmental Studies: Natural Sciences

This course seeks to promote understanding of the value and limitations of science in understanding environmental issues and to increase familiarity with scientific concepts underlying selected environmental issues and quantitative techniques that scientists use to evaluate them. Students will leave this course with the ability to think creatively, analytically, and without bias (i.e. to think critically); and to understand how environmental science issues pervade our lives and gain confidence to understand these issues and make decisions based on your understanding and values.

### Philosophical Problems

Our attempts to make sense of our lives and to find meaning in our existence lead us to ask certain classic philosophical questions. The course begins with the question of the proper role of reason in a life intelligently lived. Is philosophical thinking a necessary and important part of life? Second, we ask what role religion should play for a philosophically reflective person. This leads into questions about whether existence is absurd, without purpose or reason, or whether there is some overarching rationality and direction to our lives. Finally, we examine some of the many conditions that together define our identities as persons, conditions like our biological makeup, social narratives, cultural values, gender, and race.

## 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-2020-figs>). This page will have everything you need to know before the beginning of fall term, including how to email your FIG Assistant, if you have a 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 phone or any device you will be using. 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		ENVS 202 12525 REMOTE 00 10:15am-11:45am		ENVS 202 12525 REMOTE 00 10:15am-11:45am	
11AM					
12PM					ENVS 202 12529 REMOTE 00 12:30pm-1:30pm
1PM					
2PM					PHIL 101 15391 TYKE 204 2:00pm-3:00pm
3PM					
4PM					
5PM					
6PM		PHIL 199 15423 LIB 101 6:15pm-7:45pm			
7PM					
<b>KEY</b>	Your FIG College Connections Class. Meet once a week with 20 peers, Faculty, and FIG Assistant (FA).		The lecture courses associated with your FIG.		Your discussion or lab section for lecture courses.

This FIG has an asynchronous remote class (which appears on the UO class schedule as “WEB”) that does not appear on this schedule. You are enrolled in all of the FIG classes, and can see them when you log on to Duckweb.

## ENROLLED IN A FIG AND CHANGE YOUR MIND?

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