

NR 5884 Human-Wildlife Conflicts
Offered: Fall Semester

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REQUIRED TEXT: *Human-Wildlife Conflict: Complexity in the Marine Environment*
MM Draheim et al., Editors, ISBN: 978-0199687152

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Human-wildlife conflict resolution draws upon the need for multi-disciplinary approaches to resolve complex issues associated with human domination of ecosystems. The problems people have with wild animals and the problems wild animals have with people require the use of cooperative, collaborative, and innovative approaches if they are to be resolved in ways that maximize both social and ecological benefits. Nowhere do the challenges in this area loom larger than in our global urban and suburban environments. This course will draw upon some of the emerging issues associated with human-wildlife conflicts and through the use of case histories and examples explore the theory and practice of conflict management and transformation as well as the practical ethics needed to navigate contemporary wildlife management and conservation across the globe.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:

Grades will be computed on the following basis:

Group Project: 25%
Peer Review: 20%
Individual Project: 20%
Participation: 35%

SCHEDULE:

Week One: What is Human-Wildlife Conflict? A Global Survey

Week Two: The Ecology of Human-Wildlife Conflict

Week Three: Conflict Resolution and Transformation Models in Theory and Practice

Week Four: Human-Wildlife Conflict and Ethics

Week Five: Social Sciences and Human-Wildlife Conflict

Week Six: The Practice of Human-Wildlife Conflict Management