

## Preliminary Web Course Description

\*Please note: This is a preliminary web course description only. The department reserves the right to change without notice any information in this description. The final, binding course outline will be distributed in the first class of the semester.

### School of English and Theatre Studies

Course Code: CRWR2200	Course Title: Writing Nature	Date of Offering: W24
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Course Instructor: Catherine Bush	Course Format: In-person, once-a-week three-hour seminar/workshop.
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#### Brief Course Synopsis:

Traditional nature writing placed humans on one side and nature on the other, often as an untouched, wild environment to be explored and described. In this course we will consider writing nature in an era of ecological loss and high-tech science, when many of us live in cities; we will examine the porous relationship between the human and natural worlds. This is conceived as an experiential learning course in which we will engage in a series of encounters/excursions outside the classroom that will inspire our writing. Students will learn a range of techniques and approaches, including memoir, flash creative essay, braided essay, for writing nonfiction about the world beyond the human and our relationship to it.

#### Methods of Evaluation and Weight:

Grade will be comprised of: completed writing exercises, evaluated writing assignments, written reflections, final revision, and class participation. Details TBA.

#### Texts and/or Resources Required (e.g. Internet access, specific textbook title, lab kit, etc.)

Instructor will provide texts via Courselink.

This course counts towards the following distribution requirement(s) for students who registered at the University prior to the Fall of 2018:  
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Information about mode of delivery (synchronous/asynchronous/other details):

In-person, synchronous.

\*Students who registered at the University of Guelph after Fall 2018 must fulfill the “new” major and minor requirements. Students who registered at the University of Guelph prior to Fall 2018 must fulfill the requirements of the Calendar in effect when they first enrolled unless they have filed a Schedule of Studies Change Request to change to the 2018-2019 calendar. For more information, please consult the major and minor checklists at <https://www.uoguelph.ca/arts/sets/undergraduate/english/current-student-information>.