

The Women's College of the University of Denver

Course: ENGL 2708: *Into Our Wild: Women, Nature, and Literature*

Times: Wednesday Evenings, 6:00-9:30 p.m.

Dates: 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28

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a woman can't survive
by her own breath
alone
she must know
the voices of mountains
she must recognize
the foreverness of blue sky

Prerequisites: ENGG 1111 and ENGG 1122

Joy Harjo, "Fire"

Course Description: *Into Our Wild: Women, Nature, and Literature* is a four-credit course designed to introduce historical and contemporary women's writing about nature. This course seeks to challenge the notion that male writers did most of the surveying, creating, and settling of America by discovering the ways in which women described, explored, understood, and carved out their own natural spaces for political, aesthetic, and spiritual purposes. Selections will include poetry, essays, and fiction from a diverse group of writers, including Joy Harjo, Willa Cather, Zora Neale Hurston, and Barbara Kingsolver. And like these women, we will finally consider the multiple ways Nature has written her untamed self into us.

Academic Integrity: The Women's college fully endorses the University of Denver's Honor Code and the procedures put forth by the Office of Citizenship and Community Standards. Academic dishonesty – including plagiarism, cheating, and falsification of data and research – is in violation of the code and will result in a failing grade for the assignment or for the course.

As student members of a community committed to academic integrity and honesty, it is your responsibility to become familiar with the DU Honor Code and its procedures (www.du.edu/honorcode).

Course Requirements: Students will be required to complete all assigned readings, go outside, be prepared and excited to discuss literature and poetry, and plan on writing both short (1-2 page) and longer (4-7 page) writing assignments.

Course Texts and Materials:

Anderson, Lorraine. *Sisters of the Earth: Women's Prose and Poetry about Nature*, 2nd Edition, ISBN: 978-1-4000-3321-8, Paperback