



# CEMUS



## Welcome to Worldviews and Visions- Autumn 2021

Welcome to Worldviews and Visions (1MV552) at the Centre for Environment and Development Studies (CEMUS). Below is some practical information about the course; please read through it and contact us if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you next semester,  
**Lillian Weaver & Derek Garfield**  
*Course Coordinators*

### Course Learning Outcomes

Worldviews and Visions examines how conceptual and practical dimensions of sustainable development intersect with ethical questions surrounding different actors' visions of a sustainable future. We are interested in exploring different worldviews from different visions of what the future could be; each has a varying ordering of ethics and values that produce sustainability into various modes of being and doing. These visions also suggest the need for change and transformation from current unsustainable practice to sustainability. Therefore, we will also explore transitions and transformations for sustainable development that will be required to achieve such visions.

As stated in the [syllabus](#), upon completion of the course, the student should be able to:

- critically analyse the conceptual and practical dimensions of sustainable development at the local, regional and global level;
- critically evaluate ethical questions with relevance for sustainable development;
- critically relate to and value different actors' visions of a sustainable future.

### Course Overview

**This course will be held primarily in-person, though there may be some online elements. (If the situation with Coronavirus changes, we may move to all online teaching. In this case we will communicate via Studium and your student email.)**

The course is worth 5 credits and runs every Friday from the 24<sup>th</sup> of September to the 14<sup>th</sup> of January. There is a **DRAFT** schedule for the course attached. A final schedule will be provided on Studium one week before the start of the course. You can also find this schedule on Studium, the online education management system used by Uppsala University, and the course website (<http://www.web.cemus.se/msd/>).

The teaching consists of lectures, given by guest lecturers from different academic disciplines and



other relevant societal sectors, and seminars run by the course coordinators. The teaching method is based on active student participation and peer-to-peer learning. Online attendance to the virtual sessions will be through the meeting platform Zoom and/or Studium. You can find the Zoom links in Studium under the course calendar.

## Course Examination

As stated in the syllabus:

*The student is examined through written preparation for (1 credit) and active participation in seminars and workshops (1 credit), and through written documentation (2.5 credits) and oral presentation (0.5 credits) of a project.*

The course is examined through the following mandatory assignments:

- Oral Presentations on **October 22<sup>nd</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>, November 19<sup>th</sup>, and December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
(Each student will only present on ONE of these days)
- Literature Seminar on **Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
- Academic Writing Workshop conducted on **Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
- Written Documentation of Individual Project due **Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 23:59**

## Course Literature

The course has the following course books, which are required reading:

- **Linnér, B., & Wibeck, V. (2019). *Sustainability Transformations: Agents and Drivers across Societies*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/9781108766975**
- **McCloskey, D. and Ziliak, S. (2019). *Economical Writing*. 3rd ed. University of Chicago Press.**

There is only ONE copy of *Economical Writing* available in the Uppsala University Library System. *Sustainability Transformations* is available as an e-book through UU library.

The course coordinators will make available a course compendium one week before the course start date that will list a further **3-4 articles** you are expected to read each week that are related to the course learning outcomes. You will be expected to read more than these required articles in preparation for participating in seminars/workshops and your written project work. Additional recommended articles from guest lecturers will be uploaded to Studium during the course. Make sure to come prepared for all lectures, workshops, and seminars.

## Course Team

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