



Spring 2024 Natural Science Colloquia

Sustainable Plastics

James Eagan, TTH 10:45 am – 12:00 pm

HONOR 370 – 001

This course introduces students to sustainable plastic technologies, challenges, and the principals of the circular economy. Students will be able to understand the how different kinds of plastics are recovered, sorted, and recycled (or not). Topics covered include polymer recycling, composting, bio-based plastics, and life cycle analysis.

The Art and Science of Modern Beekeeping

Laura Zinke, TTH 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

HONOR 370 - 002

Did you know that a honey bee only produces 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey in her lifetime? Is there such thing as ethical or natural beekeeping? This Honors colloquium offers a comprehensive exploration into the world of modern beekeeping. From understanding honey bee biology and hive maintenance to the ethical considerations

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The Great Debate: Nature Vs. Nurture

Sarah Psihountakis, TTH 12:15 pm – 1:30 pm
HONOR 370 – 007

The Nature versus Nurture debate has been deeply rooted in the search for what aspects of behavior are either inherited (genetic) or acquired (learned). Is it our genes that impacts our behavior or is it our environment? In this course, we will examine the nature versus nurture debate- its origin and how it has influenced future theorists, critically analyze each side of the debate and apply to our own behavioral development, reflect on how genetics and the environment impact overall development, and develop discussion skills within our online classroom environment, emphasizing effective and respectful sharing of personal experiences.

Nuclear Energy

Andrew Knoll, MW 2:00 pm – 3:15 PM
HONOR 370- 008

Is nuclear energy the solution to our current energy crisis? This class will explore the history of the technology and its future potential in a way that is easy to understand for students from all backgrounds.

Astrobiology and the Origins of Life

Nita Sahai, TTH 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm
HONOR 370- 009

Students gain an understanding of the origins of the Universe, the nature of life, the problem of the origin of life, early Earth environments, and the origin of life. This class will explore the history of the technology and its future potential in a way that is easy to understand for students from all backgrounds.



The Psychology of Physical Activity

Alan Kornspan, Online Asynchronous

HONOR 370- 501

The focus of this course is on the psychology of physical activity within the context of natural science. The course