

RELS 298/ENVT 352/URST 398

Nature Spirituality, Ecotopia, and Applied Ecovillage Living



Ever wondered what an “Ecovillage” is, or what it is like to create and live in one? This course explores ecovillages and how these intentional communities may help humans live more sustainably by incorporating ecocentric ethical values, ecological design, and environmentally friendly technologies. This Summer I course will meet on campus for two weeks, and then will spend 6/17 to 6/22 living in residency at Earthaven Ecovillage in Black Mountain, NC, outside of Asheville. During this time, students will participate in hands-on learning modules about permaculture, organic farming, alternative building construction, nature spirituality, alternative energy, and other aspects of sustainable intentional community in the Appalachian mountains of North Carolina. Upon returning from the trip students will pursue a research paper and will not be required to be on campus.

Email Professor Todd LeVasseur levasseurjt@cofc.edu if you are interested. A course fee of \$665 will include transport and 6 days of camping, food, and learning modules at Earthaven from June 17th to 22nd. Space is limited to the first 14 students who are able to make a course deposit before registering.