

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 values, ecological design, and environmentally friendly technologies. This Summer I course will meet on campus for the first week, and then will spend one week living in residency at Earthaven Ecovillage in Black Mountain, NC, outside of Asheville. Students will live on-site for 1 week, participating in hands-on learning modules about permaculture, organic farming, alternative building construction, nature spirituality, alternative energy, and other aspects of sustainable homesteading in the Appalachian mountains. The second half of Summer I will be devoted to working closely with the professor on a research paper instead of meeting on campus.

Email Professor Todd LeVasseur levasseurjt@cofc.edu if you are interested. Cost will include summer fees; and specific course fees of approximately \$625 that will include transport and 1 week of camping, food, and learning modules at Earthaven from June 18th to 24th. Space is limited to the first 14 students who are able to make a course deposit by April 1st.