



# California Institute of Integral Studies

## **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Philosophy and Religion with a concentration in Ecology, Spirituality, and Religion**

### **Student Learning Outcomes – ESR PHD**

#### ***1.0 Commit to a flourishing future: To acquire skills and insight to transform practices, worldviews, and consciousness in service of a more just, sustainable, and flourishing future.***

- 1.1 Students will be able to identify articulate some of the conditions contributing to ecological crises, and will be able to propose healing alternatives.
- 1.2 Students will be able to investigate the current ecological crises from within the perspectives of religions and spiritualities, and will be able to critically analyze religious and spiritual traditions through ecological lenses.

#### ***2.0 Generate insight into current conditions: To contribute to the emerging field of Religion and Ecology by participating in this growing field of academic inquiry and activism***

- 2.1 Students will be able to write well-argued papers that engage with the deep insight into the human condition held by the religions, to analyze the gaps and distortions in consciousness that lead to environmental and social degradation.
- 2.2 Students will be able to produce academic papers and conference presentations that connect ideas and practices within the world's religions and spiritualities with ecological manifestations.

#### ***3.0 Practice transdisciplinarity: To develop the knowledge and wisdom to respond to ecological devastation from healing integral and transdisciplinary perspectives***

- 3.1 Students will understand and navigate the epistemological challenges in studying religion and ecology together.
- 3.2 Students will be able to integrate research approaches from a diversity of perspectives (e.g., religious and spiritual traditions, historical, and social and biophysical scientific perspectives) applied to specific ecological situations.

#### ***4.0 Application and integration of knowledge: To apply and integrate topics and issues studied in the ESR program into a coherent theoretical and/or activist stance.***

- 4.1 Students will be able to articulate connections between their spiritual and intellectual journeys, and the larger goal of global well-being.

**5.0 Advance scholarly inquiry: To contribute to the emerging field of Religion and Ecology in which they will generate new knowledge, enriching a growing field of academic inquiry and activism.**

- 5.1 Students will be able to demonstrate thorough knowledge of an ecological theme or issue, contextualized in a religious, spiritual, and/or philosophical milieu, by passing a comprehensive exam.
- 5.2 Students will be able to demonstrate in-depth knowledge of a religious, spiritual, or philosophical tradition, broadly defined, in relation to ecology, by passing a comprehensive exam.
- 5.3 Students will be able to create scholarly papers and public presentations appropriate to multiple audiences (scholarly, religious, government, professional, activist).

**6.0 Offer original contribution: To produce an original work of publishable quality scholarship that advances ideas from a transdisciplinary perspective, demonstrating mastery of relevant fields in both religious/ spiritual studies, and in ecological studies.**

- 6.1 Students will be able to present the research and ideas at the core of the dissertation in a well-organized and persuasive public presentation within the CIIS community, and at a public conference or events outside of CIIS.
- 6.2 Students will be able to make an original contribution to scholarship in the emerging field of Religion and Ecology, by writing a dissertation that offers a substantial and original contribution to scholarship, and is certified as such by at least two ESR faculty members.  
**Dissertation is not to exceed 250 pages.**