

## **HON 300: Chesapeake Connections**

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This course combines original research, community service, and civic engagement in the context of environmental and social aspects of life in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The class includes field experiences, research investigations, online discussions, book discussions, and a final community action project.

Community Action Project- Complete a project that addresses an issue associated with the Chesapeake Bay or a global watershed concern. This action project should include at least 10 hours of direct work with individuals, organizations, schools, or agencies and have an impact on the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Suggestions for projects include:

- Monitoring a specific area with wildlife cameras, such as vernal pools, to obtain real data about wildlife habits and the value of specific habitat to wildlife and water quality.
- Interview key individuals in the watershed to film video histories and research changes in the watershed over time.
- Identify, monitor, and compare soil types at specific sites in Rockingham County.
- Plan, organize, and complete a riparian buffer project.
- Coordinate a tree planting experience for area school students.
- Locate, develop and submit a grant for a local school or agency.
- Other projects approved by the instructor.