



ARCH 1250 SITE PLANNING

HOMEWORK 01 - ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINTS

Assigned Day.01 : August 31, 2012

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Global Footprint Network is an international think tank working to advance sustainability through use of the **Ecological Footprint**, a resource accounting tool that measures how much nature we have, how much we use and who uses what.

By making **ecological limits** central to decision-making, we are working to end **overshoot** and create a society where all people can live well, within the means of one planet.

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In Class Exercise

1. Visit www.footprintnetwork.org and follow the "Footprint for you" tab.
2. Enter the requested information into the Ecological Footprint calculator and find your footprint. Capture the results (print to pdf), including the charts showing consumption categories.
3. If you live part of the year in another country or location – repeat the exercise and compare.

Take Home Exercise due posted to blackboard posted by **Wednesday September 5th by 6pm.**

1. Describe two things you can do to reduce your footprint. Redo your calculation to see how much you were able to reduce your footprint.
2. **Submit results of both exercises** to Blackboard in one document (pdf or word document).