

Master Course Syllabus

BIOL 2306

Environmental Biology (lecture) (301035101)

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Course Description: Principles of environmental systems and ecology, including biogeochemical cycles, energy transformations, abiotic interactions, symbiotic relationships, natural resources and their management, lifestyle analysis, evolutionary trends, hazards and risks, and approaches to ecological research.

Semester Hours Credit: 3

Lecture/Lab Hours: 3-0

Pre-Requisite: MATH 1314 or concurrent enrollment in higher mathematics is recommended.

Textbook(s): *Principles of Environmental Science*, 8th edition

ISBN: 9781260223552

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Explain the structure and impact of biogeochemical cycles.
2. Describe energy transformations across trophic levels.
3. Illustrate abiotic/biotic interactions and symbiotic relationships.
4. Identify various types of natural resources, human impact on these resources, and common resource management practices.
5. Quantify and analyze the impact of lifestyle on the environment.
6. Depict evolutionary trends and adaptations to environmental changes.
7. Describe environmental hazards and risks and the social and economic ramifications.
8. Describe ecological and statistical techniques and approaches used in the study of environmental biology.

Course Outline:

Unit I: Chapters 1-2

Week 1: Chapter 1 Sections 1-3 (Understanding Our Environment)

Week 2: Chapter 1 Sections 4-6 (Understanding Our Environment)

Week 3: Chapter 2 Sections 1-3 (Environmental Systems: Matter and Energy and Life)

Week 4: Chapter 2 Sections 4-6 (Environmental Systems: Matter and Energy and Life)

Week 5: **Exam I**

Unit II: Chapters 3-6

Week 6: Chapter 3 (Evolution, Species Interactions, and Biological Communities)

Week 7: Chapter 4 (Human Populations)

Week 8: Chapter 5 (Biomes and Diversity)

Week 9: Chapter 6 (Environmental Conservation: Forests, Grasslands, Parks, and Nature Preserves)

Week 10: **Exam II**

**Unit III: Chapters 7-10**

Week 11: Chapter 7 (Food and Agriculture)

Week 12: Chapter 8 (Environmental Health and Toxicology)

Week 13: Chapter 9 (Climate)

Week 14: Chapter 10 (Air Pollution)

Week 15: **Exam III**

Week 16: **(Final Exam)**

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Course Description: This course is an introduction to the world's major regions seen through their defining physical, social, cultural, political, and economic features. These regions are examined in terms of their physical and human characteristics and their interactions. The course emphasizes relations among regions on issues such as trade, economic development, conflict, and the role of regions in the globalization process.

Semester Hours Credit: 3

Lecture/Lab Hours: 3-0

Pre-Requisite: None

Textbook(s): *World Regions in Global Context: Peoples, Places, and Environments Plus Mastering Geography with Pearson eText -- Access Card Package*, 6th edition **ISBN:** 9780134182728

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Define and explain the geographic concept of "region."
2. Locate significant geographic features of regions of the world and describe their cultural, economic, political, and physical characteristics.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of each region's role in a globalizing world.
4. Apply geographic concepts to understanding current events, conflicts, and issues in a regional context.

Course Outline:

- Introduction
- **Chapter 1:** World Regions in Global Context
- **Chapter 2:** Europe
- **Chapter 3:** The Russian Federation, Central Asia, and the Transcaucasus
- **Chapter 4:** Middle East and North Africa
- **Chapter 5:** Sub-Saharan Africa
- **Chapter 6:** The United States and Canada
- **Chapter 7:** Latin America
- **Chapter 8:** East Asia
- **Chapter 9:** South Asia
- **Chapter 10:** Southeast Asia
- **Chapter 11:** Oceania



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Semester Hours Credit: 3

Lecture/Lab Hours: 3-0

Pre-Requisite: None

Textbook(s): *Environmental Geology (LL)*, 10th edition **ISBN:** 9781260223446

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Recognize, describe, and quantitatively evaluate earth systems, including the land, water, sea, and atmosphere, and how these function as interconnected ecological systems.
2. Assess environmental challenges facing humans caused by their interaction with the physical and biological environment (e.g., population growth, energy resources, food production, pollution, water and resource use).
3. Acquire a scientific vocabulary and critical thinking skills related to environmental science.
4. Assess the effectiveness and feasibility of environmental policy and its impact.

Course Outline:

- Chapter 1:** Overview of our Planetary Environment
- Chapter 2:** Rocks and Minerals- A first look
- Chapter 3:** Plate Tectonics
- Chapter 4:** Earthquakes Basic Theory
- Chapter 5:** Volcanoes
- Chapter 6:** Streams and Flooding
- Chapter 7:** Coastal Zones and Processes
- Chapter 9:** Geology and climate: Glaciers, Deserts, and Global Climate Trends
- Chapter 10:** Climate—Past, Present, and Future
- Chapter 11:** Ground Water and Water Resources
- Chapter 14:** Energy resources- Fossil Fuels
- Chapter 15:** Energy resources- Alternative sources
- Chapter 16:** Waste Disposal



Chapter 17: Water pollution

Chapter 18: Air Pollution

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