



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY



COURSE SYLLABUS

INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Environment and Natural Resources 201

Spring 2008

5 credit hours (UG)

Lecture:

Days and times	Location	Call number
M & W 8:30 – 10:18am	HC	14988-A

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Thursdays 11:00- 11:48am	PK 0257	14990-0
Fridays 9:00- 9:48am	DB 0048	14989-1

Instructor:

Dr. Stacey Fineran

469C Kottman Hall

Office Hours: By appointment

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Textbook

Botkin Daniel B. and Edward A. Keller. 2007. *Environmental Science: Earth as a Living Planet*, 6th ed., John Wiley & Sons, Inc., Hoboken, NJ. (ISBN 9780470049907)

Course Management

It is the responsibility of the student to check for syllabus updates, announcements, and homework & quiz materials and information as they are made available throughout the course. **This course uses Carmen.**

Grading

Homework (6 @ 20 pts each; drop 1)	100 points
Quizzes (3 @ 25 pts each)	75 points
2 midterm exams (100 points each)	200 points
Final exam	100 points

Attendance & Participation 25 points

Total 500 points

Grades:

The total number of points earned divided by 500 points possible multiplied by 100 is your grade in percentage. The following shows the grade in percentage in relation to the letter grade you will receive.

Percentage	Letter Grade	Percentage	Letter Grade
93 – 100+	A	77 – 79	C+
90 – 92	A-	73 – 76	C
87 – 89	B+	70 – 72	C-
83 – 86	B	67 – 69	D+
80 – 82	B-	60 – 66	D
		59 or below	E

Academic Misconduct Statement

Academic misconduct (plagiarism, cheating, and other forms of misconduct as defined by the university) will not be tolerated in this course. According to Faculty Rule 3335-31-02 Academic Misconduct is defined as any activity which tends to compromise the academic integrity of the institution or subvert the educational process. Please see the Student Resource Guide or the instructors if you have questions about this policy.

Disability Statement

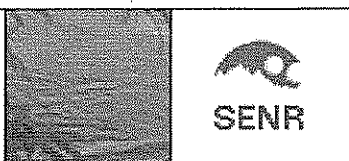
Any student who feels s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact me privately to discuss your specific needs. Please contact the Office for Disability Services at 614-292-3307 in room 150 Pomerene Hall to coordinate reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities.

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Date	Topic	Textbook Reading
Mar 24	Critical Thinking about the Environment; The Big Picture: Systems of Change	Chapters 1, 2, 3
Mar 26	The Human Population and the Environment	Chapter 4
Mar 31	The Biogeochemical Cycles; Energy Basics	Chapter 5
Apr 2	The Atmosphere and Climate	Chapter 23
Apr 7	The Atmosphere and Climate: Biomes	Chapter 8
Apr 9	The Atmosphere and Climate: Global Warming	Chapter 23
Apr 14	Exam 1	
Apr 16	Ecological Hierarchies, Ecosystems, & Energy	Chapter 3

Apr 21	Landscape alteration	Chapter 13
Apr 23	Population Ecology	Chapter 4, 7
Apr. 28	Population Ecology	Chapter 4, 7
Apr 30	Community Ecology	Chapter 7, 10
May 5	Exam 2	
May 7	Soils & Soil Degradation	Chapter 12
May 12	The hydrosphere: Freshwater systems: surface water	Chapter 21, 22
May 14	Ecological Restoration	Chapter 10
May 19	The Hydrosphere: Freshwater Systems: Surface Water & Groundwater	Chapter 21, 22
May 21	Marine Environment; Water Supply, Use, and Management	Chapter 21, 22
May 26	Memorial Day: No classes	
May 28	Natural Disasters and Catastrophes; Urban Environments & the Future	Chapter 16 Chapter 29
June 2	Final Exam: Monday, June 2nd, 7:30 am – 9:18 am	

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