

ENST 1500 - Introduction to Environmental Science

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Course Description

1500. Introduction to Environmental Science. Basic environmental science literacy for informed citizens as inhabitants and stewards of Earth. The use of science and the scientific method to understand, assess, and manage the environment to improve human health, conserve energy and resources, preserve nature, and sustain quality of life. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Environmental Science	Miller, G. T., Spoolman, S., & Andrews-Brown, D.M.	9780357976319

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Chapter 1 Chapter 2	The Environment and Sustainability Science, Matter, Energy, and Systems	Due 8/28 at 11:59pm: Quiz 1
8/31	Chapter 3	Ecosystems: What Are They and How Do They Work?	Due 9/4 at 11:59pm: Quiz 2
9/7	Chapter 4	Biodiversity and Evolution	Due 9/11 at 11:59pm: Quiz 3
9/14	Chapter 5	Species Interactions, Ecological Succession, and Population Control	Due 9/18 at 11:59pm: Quiz 4
9/21	Chapter 6	The Human Population and Urbanization	Due 9/25 at 11:59pm: Quiz 5
9/28	Chapter 7	Climate and Ecosystem Biodiversity	Due 10/2 at 11:59pm: Quiz 6
10/5	Chapter 8 Chapter 9	Sustaining Biodiversity: Saving Species Sustaining Biodiversity: Saving Ecosystems	Due 10/9 at 11:59pm: Quiz 7
10/12	Chapter 10	Food Production and the Environment	Due 10/16 at 11:59pm: Midterm Exam

10/19	Chapter 11	Water Resources and Water Pollution	Due 10/23 at 11:59pm: Quiz 8
10/26	Chapter 12	Geology and Nonrenewable Mineral Resources	Due 10/30 at 11:59pm: Quiz 9
11/2	Chapter 13	Energy Resources	Due 11/6 at 11:59pm: Quiz 10
11/9	Chapter 14	Environmental Hazards and Human Health	Due 11/13 at 11:59pm: Quiz 11
11/16	Chapter 15	Air Pollution, Climate Change, and Ozone Depletion	Due 11/20 at 11:59pm: Quiz 12
11/23	No Assigned Reading		No Assigned Quiz or Exam
11/30	Chapter 16 Chapter 17	Solid and Hazardous Waste Environmental Economics, Politics, and World Views	Due 12/4 at 11:59pm: Quiz 13
12/7	No Assigned Reading		Due 12/11 at 11:59pm: Final Exam

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