**Sustainability 201 Nature & Society**

**Fall 2022 WEL 130**

**Class Meets MW 2 - 3:50**

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This course fulfills part of the general education requirement GEK Scientific Perspectives.

Required Readings, Books, and Documentary Accesses to Purchase:

-Montgomery, D. & Bickle, A. (2016). The Hidden Half of Nature. New York: WW Norton & Co.

 I recommend that you get the printed rather than ebook versions of this book.

-There will also be pdf readings posted on Canvas, in addition to book.

-You should also set aside about $10 for documentary access. Details to be announced.

-It is recommended that you periodically access a printer to print out all reading and video viewing questions. The notes you take on them, and the other materials posted in Canvas, together with lab topics, will be the primary material that each of the four exams draw on. Rather than printing, you may manually write down each question and then also your answers. Your answers to all these questions are your study and source materials for exams. Exams will have two sections. The first section is closed note, the second open note. Please be advised that I may revise the statement of the previous sentence as term progresses. Total estimated cost of course, including book, printing, & documentaries: ~$39.

Course Description: We will study the various components of the natural environment, including the nature of the physical elements, the process involved in their development, their distribution over the earth, and their basic interrelationships. The relationships between nature and society are threads extending through much of the material.

Course Outcomes

\* Analyze interrelationships between humans and the environment (Inquiry & Analysis)

\* Students understand natural forces that affect/determine human existence such as climate, water resources, soil fertility, and geo-tectonic forces

\* Students understand climate change impacts, causes, and solutions

\* Students understand sustainability in a geographic framework of social, economic, and natural environments

Course Requirements: It is your responsibility to view notes and their linked videos, and do the assigned readings and write down notes to all questions. Exams will consist mostly of multiple choice, true false, short answer, and short essay questions. No make-up examinations will be given except in the most unusual of circumstances, and must be arranged prior to the exam being missed. Attendance is required.

Three or four laboratory projects will be assigned. To avoid frustration, please do not attempt these until you have studied the reading and notes that pertain to them. There may be brief quizzes to reinforce learning. More on this later! Stay tuned to Canvas. We also will use some type of participatory forums. Minor quizzes and forums may add more points possible to the list that follows:

Approximate points possible (subject to change)

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| Activity | # points |
| 4 tests (100 pts. each) | 400 |
| labs | 300 |
| quizzes | 50 |
| total | 750 |

Grading scale is A: 90-100, B: 80-89, C: 70-79, D: 60-69, F < 60.

Plus and minus system used for upper and lower 2 percent.

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| Dates | Topic(s) | Core Reading/Viewing\* |
| Week 1Sept. 26, 28 | Introduction to Nature, Society and Science; Planet Earth; Earth Sun Relationships | Patrich, Units 1, 5 <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jHwx-yCtFKTpl8nrfpQPWfD_d3kQqz1F>Or if above doesn’t work, use this: <https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/926>(after opening, click on orange pdf button)See Canvas for more |
| Week 2Oct. 3, 5 | Earth-Sun Relationships (cont.), Composition & Structure of Atmosphere, Atmospheric Radiation, TemperaturesWorksheet Lab: Solar Altitude | Patrich, Unit 6, through page 9 only: (use links in Week 1 above);See Canvas for more;Mann, Preface & Chapter 1(pdf) |
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| Week 3Oct 10, 12 | Atmospheric Radiation, Temperatures**Worksheet Solar Altitude due October 10** | See Canvas for more;Mann, Preface & Chapter 1(pdf) |
| **Oct 12** | **Exam #1 Wednesday, in-person** |  |
| Week 4October 17,19 | Atmospheric Circulation, Moisture **Lab assigned: Are Oregon Summers Becoming Warmer and Drier?** | Patrich, Unit 6, pages 10 - endPatrich, Unit 7<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jHwx-yCtFKTpl8nrfpQPWfD_d3kQqz1F>See Canvas for more Mann, Chapters 2-3 pdf |
| Week 5October 24, 26 | Climate Change | [Earth an Operators Manual documentary viewing questions.docx](https://www.wou.edu/~mcgladm/Geography%20105%20%20Physical%20Geography/for%20exam%203/climate%20change/causation/Earth%20an%20Operators%20Manual%20documentary%20viewing%20questions.docx);Other materials TBA |
| Week 6**October 31** | **Exam 2 Monday** |  |
| **November 2**  | **Lab due: Are Oregon Summers Becoming Warmer and Drier?** |  |
|  | Sea Level Rise, Ocean Acidification | Kolbert 111-124 (pdf)See Canvas for more |
| Week 7November 7 | Marine Ecosystem Change & Collapse | Kolbert 125-147 (pdf)See Canvas for more |
| **to be announced** | **Lab due via e-mail: How Scientists Date the Earth** |  |
| Week 8November 14 | Soil Formation and DegradationPrimer on Plate Tectonics | Patrich Unit 12TBA |
|  | Soil Regeneration | Montgomery & Bickle Reading Questions: (pages 1-5, 28-34) |
| **November 16** | **Exam 3 Wednesday** |  |
| Week 9Nov. 21, 23 | Soil Regeneration | Montgomery & Bickle Reading Questions: (pages 64-88, 89-108)Montgomery & Bickle, 224-243 |
| Week 10 Nov 28, 30 | Scientific Explanation: Causal Mechanisms driving Climate Change, Accelerated Rates of Environmental Degradation & Species Extinction | Montgomery Green Manure 90-114 (pdf)Montgomery & Bickle Reading Questions: (pages 224-243)Scientific Explanation: TBA |
|  | **Lab (topic & due date tba)** | See Canvas for more |
| **Finals Week****Wednesday Dec. 5, 12-1:50****(different time)** | **Exam 4 (not comprehensive)** |  |

\*other topics may be assigned; with Canvas being the final authority. Note that all subjects and activities are subject to modification because of the unusual circumstances caused by COVID-19.

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