

Course Syllabus

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EVR1001: Introduction to Environmental Sciences

(Summer C 2023, section 71, 3 credits)

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Course Description

This course examines current environmental concerns and their management. It integrates and correlates the features of the natural environment with human activities. Topics include basic ecology, population growth and world hunger, energy resources, environmental regulations and water, air and noise pollution. This course will help students gain an understanding of, and solutions to, environmental problems.

Textbook

Enger and Smith, *Environmental Science: A Study of Interrelationships*, 16th Ed., 2022, McGraw Hill. ISBN 9781260722239 (earlier editions are acceptable).

Prerequisite

This course is open to students who have no prep needs in reading or have satisfied their prep need by taking REA0002C or REA0017.

Quizzes

Each chapter in the textbook will have a quiz on Canvas. Quiz dates are listed on Canvas and all quizzes will be completed online through Canvas. The lowest quiz grade will be dropped. Students have two attempts with each quiz, with the highest grade entered in the gradebook. All quizzes must be completed on the assigned day and time. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Writing Assignments

There will be six writing assignments during the semester. Instructions, due dates, and grading rubrics are posted on Canvas. Late writing assignment will NOT be accepted for any reason.

Discussion Forums

There are a total of three required discussion questions throughout the course. Discussion forums contribute to a deeper understanding of key concepts and allow you to interact with your classmates and the instructor. Initial posts are due by Thursday of each week with student replies by Saturday of each week. To earn full credit, you will need to post a response, respond to the original posts of at least two other students, and then contribute to an ongoing discussion. Late discussion posts are not accepted! Discussion forum guidelines include:

- Respect each other's ideas, feelings, and experience. Expect your classmates to have different opinions.
- Use proper writing style. Correct spelling and sentence structure are expected just as if you were writing a regular paper. Use spell check and grammar check before you submit.
- When responding to a classmate, address them by name.
- Do not use postings such as "I agree," "I don't know either," or "ditto." They do not add to the discussion, take up space on the Discussions, and will not be counted.

Book Review:

There will be one critical review of a selected book (fiction or non-fiction). Instructions, due date, and grading rubric are posted on Canvas. A late book review will NOT be accepted for any reason.

Grading Criteria

Overall grades will be calculated as follows:

- Quizzes-60%
- Writing Assignments-25%

- Book Review-10%
- Discussion Forums-5%

Grading Scale

Grades will NOT be rounded up. For example, an 89.9 is a B+ and an 86.8 is a B. There is no extra credit for the course!

- A: 100-90.0%
- B+: 89.9-87.0
- B: 86.9-80.0
- C+: 79.9-77.0
- C: 76.9-70.0
- D: 69.9-60.0
- F: below 60.0

Disputing Your Grade

If you feel that an error was made in grading an assignment, test, etc., you have one week from the time the grade was posted electronically on Canvas to dispute your grade. After one week, all grades are final and no changes will be made!

Withdraw

If you want to withdraw from this class, you must fill out the necessary forms and have them signed by the appropriate parties. If you just "stop coming to class" after the posted drop date, you may receive the grade of "F."

- Last day to add classes: May 17
- Last day to drop classes: May 18
- Last day to withdraw with a "W": July 17

The college reserves the right to evaluate individual cases of non-attendance. Please see the College's withdrawal procedures. Students should be alerted to the fact that:

1. withdrawals do not count in the CF G.P.A, but may not be viewed favorably at the university level or for financial aid;
2. a withdrawal counts as an attempt under the forgiveness/withdrawal policy and the course repeat policy;
3. there are increased costs to take the course on the third attempt.
4. there may be a reason a withdrawal request may be denied.

Privacy Rights

The college adheres to all federal and state laws and rules pertaining to the privacy rights of students. Grades will not be posted nor will a student's grades be discussed with anyone other than the student, unless directed to do so by a college official or administrator or if given written permission by the student. Due to recent privacy laws, I cannot give out grade information over the telephone.

Incomplete

Incomplete will be given only when a student, who has been successfully completing the class, has an unavoidable emergency that is beyond the student's control at the end of a semester that prevents that student from completing the course.

Academic Integrity

Cheating and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated and may result in an "FF" for the course as well as disciplinary action under the Code of Student Conduct. A student will be referred to an Academic Integrity Seminar. There will be a charge for this two-hour seminar, and attendance is required (see Student Handbook). Failure to attend the Academic Seminar may result in the assignment of a final course grade of "FF," denoting course failure due to a violation of the college's Academic Integrity policy.

Access Services for Students with Disabilities

To ensure students have equal access to educational opportunities here at the College of Central Florida, students with a disability, serious medical condition, a learning or psychological disorder are encouraged to register with the Office of Access Services and request accommodations. If eligible, Access Services will help facilitate you receiving approved accommodations. *Please do this as soon as possible, to ensure that such accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion for your academic success.* The Office of Access Services is located in Building 5, the Bryant Student Union-204, on the Ocala Campus. For more information visit the Access Services webpage at www.cf.edu/go/assistance/disability/index (<http://www.cf.edu/go/assistance/disability/index>), or email access@cf.edu (<mailto:access@cf.edu>) or call 352-854-2322, ext. 1209 for further information.

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352-291-4410, or [Equity@cf.edu \(mailto:Equity@cf.edu\)](mailto:Equity@cf.edu).

CF Student Assistance Program

The CF Student Assistance Program (SAP) is a confidential resource for assisting students who may have personal problems which could affect their school, work, or home lives. SAP provides early intervention and professional assessment and counseling to best meet the needs of the student. Services are free to all active CF students. The SAP is managed by BAY CARE LIFE MANAGEMENT, a health management organization. A student may call a toll free helpline during regular business hours Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For crisis situations after hours, on weekends, or holidays a student may call the same number and the therapist on duty will be paged and will promptly respond to the call. For services a student may call the following toll free number: 1-800-878-5470.

Developmental Education Courses

Florida law requires that students enrolling in the same developmental education course more than twice pay 100% of the full cost of instruction. Students registered in developmental education courses who receive N grades must repeat the same course and complete it with a grade of C or better before they can register for other courses that require the successful completion of the developmental course as a requirement.

Extended Emergency Closure

For emergency campus closing (natural disasters, etc.) call 352-291-4499 or 800-831-9244 or check our website www.cf.edu.

Internet Access

All assignments and assessments must be taken/completed on Canvas during the posted time frame (no exceptions). Once you begin a quiz/exam, the allotted time for the exam will begin. You will not be permitted to “save” your progress to resume later. This means that you should not begin/start these assessments until you are prepared to complete the entire quiz or exam. All course materials will be available on Canvas, and it is the student’s responsibility to ensure sufficient internet access to obtain the

course materials and complete course assignments. Lack of internet access and/or individual computer problems WILL NOT be considered valid excuses. Late assignments will NOT be accepted. Keep this in mind and plan ahead. Internet connections can go out at the last minute and this will NOT be a valid excuse for missed assignments and/or assessments.

Right to Change Syllabus

If necessary, some components of this syllabus (such as test dates, chapters/topics covered, etc.) may change; however, any such changes will be announced and/or posted on Canvas. The student is responsible for any such announced changes.

Schedule

Course Summary:

Date	Details	Due
Sat May 20, 2023	 M1. Chapter 1 Quiz	due by 11:59pm
	(https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956753)	
Sat May 20, 2023	 M1. Introduction Discussion Forum	due by 11:59pm
	(https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956791)	
Sat May 27, 2023	 M2. Chapter 2 Quiz	due by 11:59pm
	(https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956789)	
Sat May 27, 2023	 M2. Letter to the Editor	due by 11:59pm
	(https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956803)	
Sat May 27, 2023	 M3. Chapter 3 Quiz	due by 11:59pm
	(https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956781)	
Sat May 27, 2023	 M3. TED Talk 1	due by 11:59pm
	(https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956805)	
Sat Jun 3, 2023	 M4. Chapter 4 Quiz	due by 11:59pm
	(https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956739)	
Sat Jun 3, 2023	 M4. Chapter 5 Quiz	due by 11:59pm
	(https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956787)	

Date	Details	Due
Sat Jun 10, 2023	 M5. Chapter 6 Quiz https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956765	due by 11:59pm
	 M5. Ecological Footprint https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956795	due by 11:59pm
	 M6. Chapter 7 Quiz https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956779	due by 11:59pm
	 M6. TED Talk 2 https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956807	due by 11:59pm
Sat Jun 17, 2023	 M7. Chapter 8 Quiz https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956763	due by 11:59pm
	 M7. Chapter 9 Quiz https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956775	due by 11:59pm
Sat Jun 24, 2023	 M8. Chapter 10 Quiz https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956747	due by 11:59pm
	 M8. TED Talk 3 https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956809	due by 11:59pm
	 M9. Scientific Method Discussion Forum https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956793	due by 11:59pm
	 M9. Chapter 11 Quiz https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956783	due by 11:59pm
Sat Jul 1, 2023	 M10. Chapter 12 Quiz https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956761	due by 11:59pm
	 M10. Chapter 13 Quiz https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956777	due by 11:59pm
Sat Jul 8, 2023	 M11. Chapter 14 Quiz https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956767	due by 11:59pm
	 M11. TED Talk 4 https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956797	due by 11:59pm

Date	Details	Due
Sat Jul 15, 2023	 M12. Chapter 15 Quiz (https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956771)	due by 11:59pm
	 M12. Chapter 16 Quiz (https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956769)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Jul 22, 2023	 M13. Chapter 17 Quiz (https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956785)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Jul 29, 2023	 M14. Chapter 18 Quiz (https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956757)	due by 11:59pm
	 M14. Letter to Congress (https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956799)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Aug 5, 2023	 M15. Chapter 19 Quiz (https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956773)	due by 11:59pm
	 M15. Chapter 20 Quiz (https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956759)	due by 11:59pm
	 M16. Book Review (https://cf.instructure.com/courses/1820622/assignments/13956801)	due by 11:59pm