

Syllabus for UWXES105

Introduction to Environmental Studies

NOTE: This syllabus document contains the basic information of this course. The most current syllabus is available in the full course.

Course Description

This course presents an overview of the interrelationships between humans and the environment. The material presented in the first third of the course focuses on important ecological concepts. The remainder of the course deals with human influence on the environment. The ecological concepts are used throughout to identify, understand, and provide a basis for proposing possible solutions to contemporary environmental problems. Overall, this course will provide the student with a better understanding of how humans can more positively affect the environment in which they live.

Prerequisite(s)

None

Course Outcomes

Upon completing this course, you will be able to do the following:

- Identify and understand the characteristics of our natural resources.
- Identify and evaluate environmental problems and issues.
- Understand basic ecological principles and the functioning of natural systems.
- Understand natural resources management in the contexts of immediate local, regional, national, and global environments.
- Appreciate that environmental problems and natural resources are interrelated and must be understood and dealt with on local, regional, national, and global bases.

Course Requirements/Components

Course work involves weekly discussions, weekly quizzes, writing assignments, and two exams (midterm and final).

Grading

The following grading scale will be used to evaluate all course requirements and to determine your final grade:

Grade	Percentage Range
A	93-100
A-	90- 92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	60-66
F	0-59

Assignment	Weight Distribution Percentage
Activities	15
Assignments	30
Discussions	25
Quizzes	10
Exams	20