

ENVR 1301.1002 and ENVR 1301.1003 - Environmental Science I - Spring 2016

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Prerequisites: You should be Texas Success Initiative (TSI) reading and writing complete.

Text: The Environment and You, Norm Christensen, 2ed, with Mastering Environmental Science. The class ID for Mastering is:

ENVR1301SECTION2SPRING2016 for the Monday/Wednesday class, and
ENVR1301SECTION3SPRING2016 for the Tuesday/Thursday class.

The Mastering Environmental Science web site is www.masteringenvironmentalscience.com

Office Hours: See the schedule on my office door or on the web at physics.templejc.edu. If I am not in my office, please check the physics lab room. Please do not hesitate to utilize office hours to get help, get advice, or just chat about whatever. Contact by email is preferred or in person as that will get you the fastest response time. I am here for your success.

Tentative Exam Schedule: Please check the course schedule found in Mastering Environmental Science for dates.

Exam 1 covers Chapters 1 - 4

Exam 2 covers Chapters 5 - 8

Exam 3 covers Chapters 9 - 12

Exam 4 covers Chapters 13 - 16

Exam 5 covers Chapters 17 - 19, and Solar Storms

The Final Exam is comprehensive and may cover additional selected topics

Marker tags for exams are found on the assignment calendar in Mastering Environmental Science.

Grading Scale: The standard scale is used for this class.

A: $90 \leq$ semester average

B: $80 \leq$ semester average < 90

C: $70 \leq$ semester average < 80

D: $60 \leq$ semester average < 70

F: semester average < 60

Grading Weights: The semester average is calculated based on the following weights

- Mastering Environmental Science Reading Quizzes - 20%
- Mastering Environmental Science Activities - 20%
- In Class Quizzes/Assignments - 10%
- Participation/Discussion - 5%
- In Class Exams 30%
- Final Exam 15%
- Optional and Extra Credit items may be included in exam grades and/or as additional assignments
- Mastering Environmental Science assignments are norm referenced so that the highest grade per assignment is renormalized to 100% by a multiplicative factor.
- To be fair to all students, no individualized extra credit assignments are given.

Mastering Environmental Science Reading Quizzes:

- These assignments are posted in Mastering Environmental Science.
- Each quiz is due should be completed before the chapter is covered in class unless instructions are given differently in class.
- Assignments not attempted will be recorded as a 0.

- No additional chances to make up the work will be given after the assignments are due.
- Assignments in this category can not be made up.
- You should read the corresponding chapter before attempting each quiz and consider working in groups.
- While you may not find the answer verbatim in the text, there should be enough information to help you ascertain the correct answer.
- Failure to complete the reading assignments will equate to giving up to 20 points on your final grade.
- This higher grade of the 2 assignments per chapter will be used to calculate the final grade. The lower grade will be discarded.
- If you do not have sufficient computing power to complete these assignments then you should make plans to use the Colleges facilities or access other capable computing resources.

Mastering Environmental Science Activities:

- These assignments are posted in Mastering Environmental Science.
- Each activity should be completed before the due date given in Mastering.
- Assignments not attempted will be recorded as a 0.
- After the due date only 50% credit will be given for completion of the assignment.
- It is highly recommended that you complete these assignments in your study groups as having more brainpower attacking these activities should increase your understanding of the material and grade you receive.
- Failure to complete these activities assignments will equate to giving up to 20 points on your final grade.
- If you do not have sufficient computing power to complete these assignments then you should make plans to use the Colleges facilities or access other capable computing resources.

In Class Quiz/Assignment Information:

- Class work will be graded upon content primarily.
- Nonsense or illegible work will be given an appropriate grade at the discretion of the instructor.
- Students should be sure that they answer the question asked when responding.
- Students answers should be to-the-point and free from tangential digressions.
- Assignments in this category can not be made up.
- Assignments should be dated with names printed, not signed, and the question being answered should be at the top of the page.

In Class Participation/Discussion Information:

- Students using electronic devices for use other than what is related to the course will be given a 0 for that day's discussion grade.
- Students leaving the classroom or otherwise disrupting the class will be given a 0 for that day's discussion grade.
- Students replying in a non appropriate fashion will be given a 0 for that day's discussion grade.
- Students sleeping or otherwise disrupting class will be given a substantially reduced discussion grade.
- Students being tardy will be given a reduced discussion grade.
- Students not answering questions will be given a reduced discussion grade.
- Full credit is not automatically awarded for attendance only. Grades start at or around the 70% level and are increased or decreased accordingly. This means, if you do not make your presence known in class through appropriate discussion, you will receive a 70 for the days discussion grade.
- Please note, it is very easy to tell when someone is doing Facebook or taking notes on their computer. Not only are different keystroke and mouse patterns used but the people behind and beside you are dead give-aways.
- It is a discussion/participation grade, not an attendance grade.
- You may not be warned every or any time before your grade is reduced.

In Class Exam Information:

- Exam dates will be announced in class and markers are placed in the Mastering Environmental Science calendar. Make sure you get this information.
- All electronic devices other than calculators must be turned off and put away in purses, backpacks, or other enclosed place. Failure to do so may result in up to 25 points being deducted from your exam for each incident.

- Calculators may not be shared. Cell phones and other devices not primarily intended to be used as calculators may not be used.
- Cell phones and other devices not needed for the exam should be put away.
- Seeing any item not supplied for the exam may result in the exam being immediately considered completed.
- After any student has finished the exam no late arriving student will be permitted to start the exam.
- The final exam will replace the lowest exam grade or missed exam grade of 0 if it is beneficial to the student.
- Only one exam may be made up in the above-mentioned way.
- The second and subsequent missed exams will be recorded as a 0.
- Once a student leaves the exam room for whatever reason, their exam must be submitted.
- Academic dishonesty will be dealt with according to the guidelines established in the student handbook and departmental policy.

Final Exam Information:

- The final exam is comprehensive.
- The final exam will be given at the time scheduled by the College.
- Any deviation from the scheduled date must be approved by the VP of Educational Services.
- All appropriate in class exam policies are applicable to the final exam.
- Any student with a composite Mastering Environmental Science average greater than 80.00 after the last chapter exam is taken may elect to have their exam average used as their final exam grade for the purpose of calculating their class average.

Classroom Information:

- Class is for registered students only - no guests, no children.
- All cell phones and beepers should be turned off during class. Noncomplying students may be removed from class. See the College's cell phone policy for additional information.
- All distractions such as ear plugs, mp3 players, and the like should be removed and tucked away out of sight.
- Computers should only be used to learning purposes directly related to the class. Non compliance will result in a 0 for that day's participation grade.
- It is the student's responsibility to withdraw from the class if they wish to be dropped from the roll. This may be done at the Admissions and Records Office.
- Disruptive behavior, cheating, plagiarism, and other undesirable behavior will not be tolerated. Consult the Student Handbook and the College's Academic Integrity policy for additional information.
- It is the student's responsibility to get all homework assignments, announcements, and instructions given in class.

Attendance Information:

- To be counted present, a student must be in attendance for the entire class period.
- Do not arrive late to class as this is disruptive to the instructor and fellow students.
- Please see the College's attendance policy for additional information.