

Geography 120G
Culture & Environment
Gerald Thomas Hall 194: M-W-F
10:30 am – 11:20 am

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Required Materials:

Principles of Environmental Science: Inquiry and Applications, 4th Edition, Cunningham and Cunningham. ISBN: 978-0-07-305089-8
<http://www.mhprofessional.com/product.php?cat=108&isbn=0073304468&cat=108>

Available as an E-book ISBN: 007305089X at <http://textbooks.zinio.com>

Course Description and Objectives

This course explores relationships between humans and the processes and cycles of the natural environment. It is an interdisciplinary study of how nature works and how things in nature are interconnected. The primary objective of this course is to give students an understanding of the environment, energy, climate, population and the scientific method so that they can make up their own mind about environmental issues and how these affect their daily lives. This is accomplished by providing a scientific base needed to understand environmental problems and evaluate solutions to these problems.

Evaluation and Requirements

Grades are assigned based on the following:

4 Exams @ 100 points each = 400	A = 90% -100% = 495 - 550 points
Review Questions = 50	B = 80% - 89% = 440 - 494 points
Discussions/Write-Pair-Share = 100	C = 70% - 79% = 385 - 439 points
	D = 60% - 69% = 330 - 384 points
	F = <60%

Exams

The exams are based on material covered during the prior portions of the course. The majority of the questions will come from the lecture material covered during each section of the course preceding the exam date. The format of the exams will include multiple choice, short answer, terminology (definitions and matching), figure and graph descriptions. The review questions following each chapter should be considered an outline to study the material.

The FINAL EXAM is on Monday May 5, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
There are no make-up exams. NO LATE WORK IS ACCEPTED.

Academic Policies

Exams -Only verified written excuses such as serious illness, bereavement, incarceration will enable students to take an alternate exam/quiz. If you have a conflict – you must discuss alternatives with the professor BEFORE you miss an exam.

Review Questions – The review questions at the end of each chapter are excellent material to review for the exams. In addition to preparing you for exams, these questions, when answered and turned in on the date specified, will give you points which contribute to your overall grade. Please turn them in to the Teaching Assistant (via webCT) by 5 pm on the date indicated on the syllabus (no late work accepted).

Withdrawals/Incompletes - Withdrawals from this course are the student's responsibility and the instructor will not withdraw or drop students from this class under any circumstances. Incomplete grades will not be given except under extraordinary circumstances related to serious illness, bereavement, etc. Documentation will be required in these limited circumstances.

Honesty - Academic Honesty is expected of all students. As stated in the University Undergraduate Catalog "Students at NMSU are expected to observe and maintain the highest academic, ethical and professional standards of conduct. Any student found guilty of academic misconduct shall be subject to disciplinary action."

Please refer to the following website regarding plagiarism.
<http://lib.nmsu.edu/instruction/plagiarismforstudents.htm>

Disabilities/Special Needs

If you have any special needs let me know as soon as possible so that we may work out any necessary arrangements. Every effort will be made to provide reasonable accommodations. In addition, you may wish to contact the office of Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) office located in Corbett Center room 244.

Internet Resources:

There are many study tools available on the text website to help you master the material. In addition, the web site provides links to other resources including job opportunities.

WebCT:

This course will be supported by WebCT. You can access grades, links, and assignments as well as discussion boards and other materials on the course web site.

<http://salsa.nmsu.edu>

Office Hours:

Students can get one-on-one discussion with the Professor or Graduate Assistant by visiting during office hours. Please stop by often and master your understanding of the material by having specific questions ready and discussing them in an informal setting.