

# **GEO 2330 Environmental Science**

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Wednesdays 12– 1:30, Building 13, Rm 213A, or by appointment

**LECTURES:** M,W,F 11:00 – 11:50 Building 13, Rm 230

**OBJECTIVE:** If you leave this class with nothing more than a sense of empowerment brought about by obtaining the knowledge required to view environmental science as part of your daily life, I will have succeeded in teaching you. Should you take this knowledge and use it to better your part of the world, perhaps I will have succeeded in inspiring you.

**REQUIRED TEXT:** 1) Principles of Environmental Science by William P. and Mary Ann Cunningham; 2) A Silent Spring by Rachel Carson

**EVALUATION:** Grades will be based on 4 criteria: 2 tests (40%), Food Assignment (10%) and class participation (30%), quizzes (20%).

**ONLINE WORK:** This class will be a mixture of in class and online work. Some of your participation grade will be obtained through online discussions.

## **CLASS SCHEDULE:**

<b>8/25 – 11/21</b>	<b>Class Lectures</b>
<b>10/3</b>	<b>Test 1</b>
<b>12/6 – 12/12</b>	<b>Test 2</b>
<b>9/1, 11/11, 11/26-28</b>	<b>Holidays, no class</b>
<b>11/24 – 12/5</b>	<b>Class Projects and Guest Speakers</b>

**TESTS:** All tests and quizzes will be done online in e-learning. You will have 3 opportunities to take your quizzes and **ONLY** 1 opportunity for test 1 and 2. Quizzes are available on Fridays from 7am to 7pm, you **WILL NOT** be able to access quizzes neither before **nor** after this, so please keep this in mind when considering studying for your tests. **NO** makeup tests or quizzes will be allowed unless prior arrangements have been made. If you are an athlete or have other University related activities during the semester you need to make arrangements with me the first week of classes, otherwise you will not be able to make up quizzes and tests. The final exam is comprehensive.

**Special Technology Utilized by Students:** low-to-medium

**Expectations for Academic Conduct/Plagiarism Policy will be followed as stated by:**

<http://uwf.edu/StudentAffairs/division/publications/ClassDispur.pdf>

<http://uwf.edu/StudentAffairs/division/publications/PlagBroch.pdf>

**Assistance for Students with Special Needs policy found at:**

[http://uwf.edu/DSS/dss\\_pub.pdf](http://uwf.edu/DSS/dss_pub.pdf) (page 3)

**FOOD ASSIGNMENT:** For this assignment you need to trace the steps your food took to get to your dinner plate. You will submit your assignment in the dropbox in e-learning before 11/24 at 7pm. To complete the assignment you need to answer the following seven questions:

1. What did you eat?
2. Where did you buy the ingredients?
3. Where did all of the ingredients come from originally?
4. Were poisons used during the growing process?
5. How far did each item travel to get to your plate?
6. In total how far did your meal travel?
7. What are your sources for this information?

**CLASS PARTICIPATION:** Your participation grade is 30% of your final grade. This can be the difference between an A and a C for this class. It is highly recommended that you attend every class period. **There will be several in class assignments during the semester.** These will be completed during class and cannot be made up as they are class activities. All missed assignments will be deducted from participation grade; athletes and others involved in UWF activities should provide a schedule for the instructor in order to avoid this. Several extra credit opportunities will be announced during class. As you can see, attendance is imperative for this class. There are three online discussions which you will only be able to access between 7am and 7pm, so please plan accordingly.

**MAKEUP TESTS:** For those students who must miss a test, AND make prior arrangements (at least two weeks prior to test date), an essay test will be available to take for one week following the exam. **No other make ups will be permitted.**

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DATE DUE	ASSIGNMENT
29-Aug	1) Chapter 1 Quiz and Discussion #1
5-Sep	1) Chapter 2 Quiz
12-Sep	1) Chapters 3 and 4 Quizes
19-Sep	1) Chapter 5 Quiz
26-Sep	1) Chapter 6 Quiz and Discussion #2
3-Oct	Test 1 ***only 1 attempt for test***
10-Oct	1) Chapter 8 Quiz
17-Oct	1) Chapter 9 Quiz
24-Oct	1) Chapter 10 Quiz and Discussion #3
31-Oct	1) Chapter 11 Quiz
7-Nov	1) Chapter 12 Quiz
14-Nov	1) Chapter 13 Quiz
21-Nov	1) Chapters 14 and 15 Quizes
11/24 -- 12/5	In Class Projects and Guest Speakers
12/6 -- 12/12	Test 2 ***only 1 attempt for test***