

Syllabus for SMGT 460 Environment and Society

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

Course Description

Drawing from the disciplines of environmental sociology and human geography, the course examines how humans individually, and collectively as societies, interact with the environment. Includes human beliefs and views about the environment as well as human behaviors and actions that positively or negatively impact the environment and its natural resources.

Several topics studied in other SMGT courses, like climate change, biodiversity, water resources, population issues, and energy resources, are covered in this course as well, but from the perspectives of environmental sociology and human geography.

Prerequisite(s)

SMGT 115

Course Outcomes

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

- Explain how race, religion, gender, socio-economic position, and other cultural aspects impact issues of sustainability. (cultural understanding)
- Apply cultural understanding to real-life organizational issues. (cultural application)
- Describe world geography emphasizing global differences and connections between cultures, societies, politics, economics, and environments. (global dynamics)
- Evaluate the source, generation, reliability, and accuracy of information. (information acumen)
- Apply qualitative and quantitative analysis to guide decision-making processes. (information interpretation)
- Explain the fundamental elements of economic, social, and ecological interdependence and the policy and economic implications of these relationships. (ecological economics)

Course Requirements/Components

Assignments

The assignments will relate to the respective lesson's theme; they will be worth 10 points each.

Article Review and Discussion

For this assignment, you will select two academic articles on the topic of ecotourism outside of the United States. One of the articles can research ecotourism in general and the other article can be about a specific example of ecotourism. The first part of each article review will be a summary section. The second part will be your discussion of the research.

Book Review

This is a three- to five-page report on a book of your choice on any topic relating to how society and the environment are connected. Your book will need to be approved by the instructor. The only stipulation is that the study must involve research from places outside of the United States.

Exams

There will be three exams worth 100 points each. The final exam will not be comprehensive and will cover materials from after the second exam only. The exams will consist of 50 questions worth 2 points each.

Final Project

In your final project, you will apply all that you learned in class to produce a research paper on a topic of your choosing.

Grading

Course letter grades will be determined on a total point basis.

	Points
Assignments (10)	100
Article Review and Discussion	50
Book Review	50
Exam 1	100
Exam 2	100
Exam 3	100
Final Project	100
	600 total points possible

Percent	Letter Grade
93–100%	A
90–92.9%	A-
87–89.9%	B+
83–86.9%	B
80–82.9%	B-
77–79.9%	C+
73–76.9%	C
70–72.9%	C-
67–69.9%	D+
63–66.9%	D
60–62.9%	D-
<59.9%	F