Environmental Science          EVS 206            Spring 2008
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays       1:30-2:35pm              MC 445
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Textbooks:     Environmental Science: A Global Concern [9th or 10th edition] by Cunningham et al. (2007)

Attendance:    Students are expected to attend all classes and are responsible for all material covered in lecture. If you cannot attend a lecture, it is your responsibility to get the notes and assignments. Announcements regarding changes in the class schedule, examinations and other significant aspects of the course will be made at the beginning of class. Examples, explanations of concepts not found in the textbook, activities and other illustrations will be given in lectures throughout the semester. Additionally, questions asked in class by students can clarify or enhance material in the text or create discussion on related topics.

Students are encouraged to ask questions. An important point to remember: **There are no stupid questions!** If you don’t understand something, chances are someone else doesn’t either.

In addition to attending classes, you are expected to come prepared for lecture by reviewing the relevant chapter(s) before class. This will familiarize you with new terms and concepts that will be covered in class and enhance your note taking and understanding of the material.

Class Etiquette: Arrive for class on time. Being late insures that you will miss important information presented at the beginning of class. It is not the instructor’s job to repeat information you missed by not being here.

Keep talking to a minimum, except when asking a question directed to the instructor, or contributing to class or group discussion.

If you have a cell phone, beeper, or alarm on your watch, please deactivate it before class. Ring tones and alarms are just as distracting in the classroom as talking.

Please refrain from eating, or drinking in class. This distracts you, the students around you, and the instructor.

Blackboard:    A web-based blackboard is maintained to for this course, including lecture notes, additional reading materials, informative websites, and notices of important information. You need to login to your Blackboard account at http://www.csuohio.edu/elearning/blackboard/, using your Campus Net ID and Password
Grading:

Point Breakdown

Class Attendance          20 points
Writing Activities         20 points
Quizzes (8 of 10 @10 pts each)       80 points
Midterm Exam                          80 points
Final Exam                                100 points

TOTAL                           300 points

The following grading scale will be used to determine your final grade for the course:

- **100-92%=A** (300-276 pts)
- **91-90%=A-** (275-270 pts)
- **89-87%=B+** (269-261 pts)
- **86-82%=B** (260-246 pts)
- **81-80%=B-** (245-240 pts)
- **79-77=C+** (239-231 pts)
- **76-70%=C** (230-210 pts)
- **69-60%=D** (209-180 pts)
- **below 60% = F** (below 180 pts)

*THERE ARE ABSOLUTELY NO MAKE-UPS ON THESE ACTIVITIES.*

Academic Misconduct - [http://www.csuohio.edu/studentlife/conduct/acadregs.html](http://www.csuohio.edu/studentlife/conduct/acadregs.html):
Cheating and plagiarism are forms of academic misconduct. They are unfair to the other students in the course and are offensive to all legitimate scientists. Students should be aware of the University Policy on Academic Misconduct. All instances of academic misconduct in this course will result in a failing grade (0 points) on the assignment or examination (see minor infractions). If the assignment is greater than 25% of the course grade it can result in a failing grade for the course (see major infractions).

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is taking someone else’s work and presenting it as your own. This includes: direct copying from a source and cutting and pasting from a website, even if citing the source. Examples of plagiarism and guidelines to avoiding it can be found at:
- [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/01/](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/01/)
- [http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml](http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml)
How Can You Be Successful in This Course  
(Minimum 8 hours/week)

1. Read the beginning material on Learning: pgs1-14.
2. Review each Chapter before class  
   a. What topics are covered?  
   b. What are the objectives?  
   c. What are the main points? Look at paragraph headings
3. Take notes in lecture  
   a. What topics are covered?  
   b. What are the main points? Look at slide headings  
   c. Ask questions
4. Read the chapter after class  
   a. Read that evening or the next day while class information is fresh  
   b. Pay attention to topics covered in lecture  
   c. Take notes  
   d. Use the on-line learning resources for text
5. Review all material covered for quizzes at least 2-3 days before quiz
6. Review all quizzes for exams – start at least 3-4 days before the exam
7. Make an appointment if you don’t understand something
8. Find out why something is wrong so you can understand it
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**May 7th Wednesday 1:00-3:00pm Final Exam**

*Topics are subject to change*