1. **Course:** ENSC 201, Introduction to Environmental Science - Winter 2020

   Lecture 01: MWF 14:00 - 14:50 in AD 140

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   **Hours**
   M 9.30-11.30

An introduction to Environmental Science. Topical issues in Environmental Science including climate change, aquatic systems, agriculture, forestry, mining, energy, endangered species, and protected areas contextualized within the framework of law, policy, economics, sustainability, and the precautionary principle.

Course outcomes: By the end of this course students will have a solid grounding in the basic concepts of environmental science such as (but not limited to) sustainable development (both intergenerational equity and intragenerational equity), the precautionary principle, biodiversity, genetic diversity, species endemism, alien invasive species, biomagnification of toxins, anthropogenic climate change, drought, the Clausius-Clapeyron Relationship, and habitat fragmentation. These topics will be discussed in the context of human resource extraction and wherever applicable microeconomic theory will be used to explain concepts. Students will also be introduced to the rudiments of Canadian environmental law.

**Course Site:**

D2L: ENSC 201 L01-(Winter 2020)-Introduction to Environmental Science

**Note:** Students must use their U of C account for all course correspondence.

2. **Requisites:**

   See section 3.5.C in the Faculty of Science section of the online Calendar.

3. **Grading:**

   The University policy on grading and related matters is described in F.1 and F.2 of the online University Calendar. In determining the overall grade in the course the following weights will be used:

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<th>Component(s)</th>
<th>Weighting %</th>
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<tr>
<td>Weekly quizzes</td>
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<td>1st midterm exam</td>
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<td>Feb 14, 2020</td>
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<td>2nd midterm exam</td>
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<td>Final exam</td>
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   Each piece of work (reports, assignments, quizzes, midterm exam(s) or final examination) submitted by the student will be assigned a grade. The student's grade for each component listed above will be combined with the indicated weights to produce an overall percentage for the course, which will be used to determine the course letter grade.

   The conversion between a percentage grade and letter grade is as follows.

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<th>Minimum % Required</th>
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   If, for some reason, the distribution of grades determined using the aforementioned conversion chart appears to be abnormal the instructor reserves the right to change the grade conversion chart if the instructor, at the instructor's discretion, feels it is necessary to more fairly represent student achievement. Note: these boundaries will only be changed if such a change causes an increase in student grades. Tests and class participation will be marked on a numerical (percentage) basis. A passing grade in any one component is not required for the student to pass the course as a whole.

   This course has a registrar scheduled final exam.
4. Missed Components Of Term Work:

In the event that a student misses the midterm or any course work due to illness, supporting documentation, such as a medical note or a statutory declaration will be required (see Section M.1; for more information regarding the use of statutory declaration/medical notes, see FAQ). Absences must be reported within 48 hrs.

The regulations of the Faculty of Science pertaining to this matter are found in the Faculty of Science area of the Calendar in Section 3.6. It is the student's responsibility to familiarize themselves with these regulations. See also Section E.3 of the University Calendar.

Please note that the instructor needs to be informed of any missed components within 48 hours of the missed midterm.

5. Scheduled Out-of-Class Activities:

There are no scheduled out of class activities for this course.

6. Course Materials:

Required Textbook(s):


Supplementary readings will be posted to D2L

7. Examination Policy:

There will be a comprehensive final examination in this course, it will be scheduled by the Registrar, and held during the final examination period. There will also be two midterm examinations that will be held in class as scheduled. Students unable to write a midterm examination because of documented illness; family emergency, or religious observance will have the option of having the weight shifted onto the final examination. All examinations will be closed book examinations and calculators are neither allowed nor necessary. Should the writing of a midterm examination for the entire class become impossible due to events beyond the control of the instructor (such as, and not exclusively consisting of; inclement weather, instructor's illness, unavailable facilities, or other "acts of fate") the midterm examination will be written in the next possible class.

Students should also read the Calendar, Section G, on Examinations.

8. Approved Mandatory And Optional Course Supplemental Fees:

There are no mandatory or optional course supplemental fees for this course.

9. Writing Across The Curriculum Statement:

For all components of the course, in any written work, the quality of the student's writing (language, spelling, grammar, presentation etc.) can be a factor in the evaluation of the work. See also Section E.2 of the University Calendar.

10. Human Studies Statement:

Students will not participate as subjects or researchers in human studies.

See also Section E.5 of the University Calendar.

11. Reappraisal Of Grades:

A student wishing a reappraisal, should first attempt to review the graded work with the Course coordinator/instructor or department offering the course. Students with sufficient academic grounds may request a reappraisal. Non-academic grounds are not relevant for grade reappraisals. Students should be aware that the grade being reappraised may be raised, lowered or remain the same. See Section I.3 of the University Calendar.

a. **Term Work:** The student should present their rationale as effectively and as fully as possible to the Course coordinator/instructor within ten business days of either being notified about the mark, or of the item's return to the class. If the student is not satisfied with the outcome, the student shall submit the Reappraisal of Graded Term work form to the department in which the course is offered within 2 business days of receiving the decision from the instructor. The Department will arrange for a reappraisal of the work within the next ten business days. The reappraisal will only be considered if the student provides a detailed rationale that outlines where and for what reason an error is suspected. See sections I.1 and I.2 of the University Calendar

b. **Final Exam:** The student shall submit the request to Enrolment Services. See Section I.3 of the University Calendar.
12. Other Important Information For Students:

a. **Mental Health**: The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness and academic success, and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive support when needed. We encourage you to explore the mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counselling, self-help resources, peer support or skills-building available through the SU Wellness Centre (Room 370, MacEwan Student Centre, [Mental Health Services Website](https://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre)) and the Campus Mental Health Strategy website ([Mental Health](https://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre)).

b. **SU Wellness Center**: The Students Union Wellness Centre provides health and wellness support for students including information and counselling on physical health, mental health and nutrition. For more information, see [www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre](http://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre) or call 403-210-9355.

c. **Sexual Violence**: The University of Calgary is committed to fostering a safe, productive learning environment. The Sexual Violence Policy ([https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/sexual-violence-policy.pdf](https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/sexual-violence-policy.pdf)) is a fundamental element in creating and sustaining a safer campus environment for all community members. We understand that sexual violence can undermine students’ academic success and we encourage students who have experienced some form of sexual misconduct to talk to someone about their experience, so they can get the support they need. The Sexual Violence Support Advocate, Carla Bertsch, can provide confidential support and information regarding sexual violence to all members of the university community. Carla can be reached by email (svsa@ucalgary.ca) or phone at 403-220-2208.

d. **Misconduct**: Academic misconduct (cheating, plagiarism, or any other form) is a very serious offence that will be dealt with rigorously in all cases. A single offence may lead to disciplinary probation or suspension or expulsion. The Faculty of Science follows a zero tolerance policy regarding dishonesty. Please read the sections of the University Calendar under Section K. Student Misconduct to inform yourself of definitions, processes and penalties. Examples of academic misconduct may include: submitting or presenting work as if it were the student's own work when it is not; submitting or presenting work in one course which has also been submitted in another course without the instructor’s permission; collaborating in whole or in part without prior agreement of the instructor; borrowing experimental values from others without the instructor's approval; falsification/fabrication of experimental values in a report. **These are only examples.**

e. **Assembly Points**: In case of emergency during class time, be sure to FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF with the information on [assembly points](https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/assembly-points-academic-policy.pdf).

f. **Academic Accommodation Policy**: Students needing an accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should contact Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the procedure for accommodations for students with disabilities available at [procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities.pdf](https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/academic-accommodation-policy.pdf).

Students needing an accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfill requirements for a graduate degree, based on a protected ground other than disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the Program Director of the Environmental Science Program, Dr. Daniel Shugar by email daniel.shugar@ucalgary.ca or phone 403 220-5028. Religious accommodation requests relating to class, test or exam scheduling or absences must be submitted no later than 14 days prior to the date in question. See Section E.4 of the University Calendar.

g. **Safewalk**: Campus Security will escort individuals day or night (See the [Campus Safewalk website](https://www.ucalgary.ca/safewalk)). Call 403-220-5333 for assistance. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phones located at most parking lot pay booths.

h. **Freedom of Information and Privacy**: This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP). Students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page. For more information, see [Legal Services](https://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices) website.

i. **Student Union Information**: [VP Academic](http://www.ucalgary.ca/su), Phone: 403-220-3911 Email: svvpaca@ucalgary.ca. [SU Faculty Rep.](http://www.ucalgary.ca/su), Phone: 403-220-3913 Email: sciencerep@su.ucalgary.ca. [Student Ombudsman](http://www.ucalgary.ca/su), Email: ombuds@ucalgary.ca.

j. **Internet and Electronic Device Information**: Unless instructed otherwise, cell phones should be turned off during class. All communication with other individuals via laptop, tablet, smart phone or other device is prohibited during class unless specifically permitted by the instructor. Students who violate this policy may
be asked to leave the classroom. Repeated violations may result in a charge of misconduct.

k. **Surveys:** At the University of Calgary, feedback through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey and the Faculty of Science Teaching Feedback form provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses. Your responses make a difference - please participate in these surveys.

l. **Copyright of Course Materials:** All course materials (including those posted on the course D2L site, a course website, or used in any teaching activity such as (but not limited to) examinations, quizzes, assignments, laboratory manuals, lecture slides or lecture materials and other course notes) are protected by law. These materials are for the sole use of students registered in this course and must not be redistributed. Sharing these materials with anyone else would be a breach of the terms and conditions governing student access to D2L, as well as a violation of the copyright in these materials, and may be pursued as a case of student academic or non-academic misconduct, in addition to any other remedies available at law.

The lectures for this course will be based upon the following readings. We will commence with these readings on the first class and proceed with through them in the order stipulated below. The first midterm examination will be based only on Unit I, the second midterm examination will be based only on Unit II, and the final examination will be comprehensive. **ANY CHANGES TO THE READINGS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN CLASS AND ON D2L.**

**Unit I: Introduction to the Ecosphere**

**Unit II: Climate Change, Aquatic Resources, and Agriculture**

**Unit III: Forestry, Minerals, Energy, mining, and Protected Areas**

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