

GEOGRAPHY 314:
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE AND THE HUMAN RESPONSE
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
Course outline Fall 2014

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Lecture Information:

Time: Tues – 6:30-8:20 pm
Location: DTB A110

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course focuses on the causes of global environmental change, the present and expected impacts on natural and social systems, and response strategies that have been proposed or enacted. Topics include global environmental change; sustainable development; biodiversity; and population impoverishment and environmental degradation.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

This course has been designed with the idea in mind that it will be important, regardless where you live in the world, that you understand the ecological, social, cultural and economic changes that will surround you in the coming decades.

TOPICS TO BE STUDIED

- Global Environmental Change Basics
- Impacts (Natural and Anthropogenic)
- Mitigation and Adaptation strategies (Local, National, Global)
- Resources Development and Environmental Security

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Pittock A.B. (2009). Climate Change: the science, impacts and solutions.
(available at the University Bookstore)

A list of supplemental reading and texts will be posted on the course page.

COMMUNICATION:

CourseSpaces learning management systems (LMS) will serve as the primary of communication in this course. Please monitor the page on a regular basis for course announcements, readings assignments, lecture handouts.

<http://coursespaces.uvic.ca>

If you are having difficulty logging in or password problems, contact the Computer Help Desk Email: helpdesk@uvic.ca, Tel: 250-768-7687

Topic handouts based on lecture presentations will be provided. They will be posted by 7 PM the evening before the next lecture on the course page. They will be removed within 7 days of the posting date. Students are responsible for downloading/saving, and completing notes packages. If you miss any material, make arrangements to get notes from a fellow student, not from the instructor!

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Assignments (3) = 25%

Term Paper = 20%

Midterm Exam = 20%

Final Exam = 35%

Exam format will include a combination of short and long answer and multiple choice

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A high level of student cooperation and participation, involving asking and answering questions during the lectures.

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