

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Spring 2019	Instructor Name:	Dr. Baldev Singh
Course Title & #:	AG 110/ENVS 110	Email:	baldev.singh@imperial.edu
CRN #:	20009	Webpage (optional):	
Classroom:	2727	Office #:	
Class Dates:	Feb 11,2019-June 07,2019	Office Hours:	6:00-6:30 p.m.(Classroom)
Class Days:	Tuesday	Office Phone #:	
Class Times:	6:30-9:40 p.m.	Emergency Contact:	Ofelia Duarte 760- 355-6155
Units:	3.0		

Course Description

This course is designed to provide students with an overview and understanding of the interrelationships between humans and the natural environment. The class will focus on basic concepts of science and ecosystem theory, human impacts on the air, water, and land, environmental problems faced by the Imperial Valley that have regional and global consequences, and some of the proposed solutions.

Students learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, with a grade of “C” or better, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and/or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

- Identify an important issue in environmental science, conduct research via literature review, interviews with experts, and/or hands-on projects, and document the information sources by citing references parenthetically within a research paper and listing them at the end, using a standard documentation style, such as MLA. (ILO4)
- Use ecosystems thinking to design and create a visual representation of a sustainable human settlement, which functions on ecosystem principles and fulfills the ethic of caring for the earth and caring for the people. (ILO5)
- Identify an important issue in environmental science, conduct research on it via literature review, interviews with experts, and/or hands-on projects, and clearly communicate the content learned by giving a presentation to the class. (ILO1)

Course Objectives

Student will:

- Describe the role of science, the use of the scientific method, the importance of stewardship, and the concept of sustainability in the environmental field;
- Identify local and global environmental challenges;
- Recognize and describe the science, structure, function, dynamics, adaptations of and major threats to local and global ecosystems;
- Describe the environmental impacts of human population growth and material consumption nationally and internationally;

- Identify some of the solutions that can address the population and consumption challenges;
- Describe the importance of protecting wildlife and habitats and conserving biodiversity;
- Describe the hydrological cycle and identify ways that humans negatively impact the cycle.
- Describe the quality of fresh water globally and identify major sources of water pollution;
- Apply these principles to local water bodies such as the New and Alamo Rivers and the Salton Sea;
- Describe the political aspects of water allocations of the Colorado River and its impact on the Imperial Valley;
- Describe the state and federal laws and regulatory agencies that govern environmental concerns of air, water, land, human health, and chemical hazards;

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Environmental Science – Custom Edition for Imperial Valley College. ISBN 978-0-536-89672-8

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Students must comply with all rules and regulations of Standards of Student Conduct outlined in the Imperial Valley College General Catalog. For any writing assignments I expect you to demonstrate proficiency in the use of the English Language. Grammatical errors and writing that do not express ideas clearly will affect your grade. Students who are unable to write correctly and have trouble expressing ideas clearly are urged to contact the appropriate campus resources for assistance.

Three exams will be given. Exams may include true/false, short answer, multiple choice, and short essay questions. Exams will be worth 100 points each. NO MAKE-UP EXAMS! . Tests There will be two mid-term tests and a comprehensive final test.

Tests may include true/false, short answer, multiple choice, and short essay questions. All students are advised to strictly adhere to the dates and times for the tests which will be communicated. There will be no make-up tests. However in any emergency situation/valid reason student has to apply as per IVC rules.

Distribution of grading points • Quizzes and participation 150 points • Mid-term tests (2) 100 points each • Final Exam 200 points. However points may vary to class performance.

Lecture Topic The text will be followed for every section. Please be aware that there are “duplicates” of some chapter numbers so be sure you are studying the same material that is to be discussed

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Class Requirements - Class grading will be based on points in the following distribution.

Grading - Final grades will not be further adjusted as any “rounding” will be done on individual exams, quizzes or assignments. A = 100 – 90% B = 89 – 80% C = 79 – 70% D = 69 – 60% F = < 59%

Attendance

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See [General Catalog](#) for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

Classroom Etiquette

- Electronic Devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class, unless otherwise directed by the instructor.
- Food and Drink are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed by the instructor.
- Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the [General Catalog](#).
- Children in the classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, only students enrolled in the class may attend; children are not allowed.

Online Netiquette

- What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online.
- Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette: (1) identify yourself, (2) include a subject line, (3) avoid sarcasm, (4) respect others' opinions and privacy, (5) acknowledge and return messages promptly, (6) copy with caution, (7) do not spam or junk mail, (8) be concise, (9) use appropriate language, (10) use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!)].

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the important of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and

preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to “cite a source” correctly, you must ask for help.

- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

Additional Student Services

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

- **CANVAS LMS.** Canvas is Imperial Valley College’s main Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: [Canvas Student Login](#). The [Canvas Student Guides Site](#) provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853.
- **Learning Services.** There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab](#); [Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).
- **Library Services.** There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the [Study Skills Center](#), study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the [Disabled Student Programs and Services](#) (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

- **Student Health Center.** A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6128 in Room 1536 for more information.
- **Mental Health Counseling Services.** Short-term individual, couples, family and group counseling services are available for currently enrolled students. Services are provided in a confidential,

supportive, and culturally sensitive environment. Please contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6310 or in the building 1536 for appointments or more information..

Veteran's Center

The mission of the [IVC Military and Veteran Success Center](#) is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students on three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie; to serve as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. Their goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. The Center is located in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)

The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) offers services such as priority registration, personal/academic counseling, tutoring, book vouchers, and community referrals to qualifying low-income students. EOPS is composed of a group of professionals ready to assist you with the resolution of both academic and personal issues. Our staff is set up to understand the problems of our culturally diverse population and strives to meet student needs that are as diverse as our student population.

Also under the umbrella of EOPS our CARE (Cooperative Agency Resources for Education) Program for single parents is specifically designed to provide support services and assist with the resolution of issues that are particular to this population. Students that are single parents receiving TANF/Cash Aid assistance may qualify for our CARE program, for additional information on CARE please contact Lourdes Mercado, 760-355- 6448, lourdes.mercado@imperial.edu.

EOPS provides additional support and services that may identify with one of the following experiences:

- Current and former foster youth students that were in the foster care system at any point in their lives
- Students experiencing homelessness
- Formerly incarcerated students

To apply for EOPS and for additional information on EOPS services, please contact Alexis Ayala, 760-355-5713, alexis.ayala@imperial.edu.

Student Equity Program

- The Student Equity Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College's success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement. Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. Student Equity addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students. The Student Equity Program provides direct supportive services to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage,

creating barriers to academic success and wellness. We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students' access to education, degree and certificate completion, successful completion of developmental math and English courses, and the ability to transfer to a university. Contact: 760.355.5736 or 760.355.5733 Building 100.

- The Student Equity Program also houses IVC's Homeless Liaison, who provides direct services, campus, and community referrals to students experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. Contact: 760.355.5736 Building 100.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC [General Catalog](#).

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC [Library Department](#) provides numerous [Information Literacy Tutorials](#) to assist students in this endeavor.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. Students can access tutorials at <http://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/divisions/arts-and-letters/librarydepartment/info-lit-tutorials/>

Tentative Class Schedule/Calendar

1. Introduction to Environmental science and sustainability 2. Population growth 3. Urbanization 4. Food resources **First Examination** 5. Energy efficiency; renewable energy. 6. Nonrenewable energy 7. Mineral resources 8. Natural selection, succession, evolution, and extinction 9. Land degradation **Mid Term Examination** 10. & 11. Water resources and water pollution 12 Air pollution 13 Climate change 14 & 15 Wastes and environmental health hazards Final Examination

This schedule will be reviewed in class to include dates for the tests, assignments, and due dates. Amendments will be communicated in class and/or in canvas.

*****Tentative, subject to change without prior notice*****