Bio K 101 Introduction to Oceanography

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Course Description: Introductory Course in Oceanography. Topics to be discussed include: Properties of sea water, waves, tides, currents, world ocean circulation, chemical oceanographic processes, and life in the sea, environmental modification and control. Some field work will be included

Text: Fundamentals of Oceanography 5th edition, Keith Sverdrup
Prerequisite: None

Attendance: I realize that there are many demands on your time from both work and home. I do not however go through material directly from the book. Therefore material will be discussed in class that is not verbatim from the book. This will therefore have some bearing on your grade. Labs are very hard to make up. Also note the grading policy further down the page

Grade Determination: There will be 3 tests and 1 research paper, a homework grade and a laboratory grade all of which will have equal value

Research Paper: The paper will be of a marine topic of your choice. It will be 5 typed pages with normal margins excluding any diagrams, pictures, title pages or bibliography. There will be at least 7 references: 4 primary references and 3 Internet references. Kindly no plastic covers please. It will be typed, double-spaced and in no more than 14 font. Some papers might be selected to be submitted to turnitin.com to check for plagiarism. Kindly start the paper soon, the fall semester goes very fast. **I will not accept any late papers.**   The grade for the paper will be determined by the content, length, number of references and **CITATIONS**. Citations are required

Citations are required!!!! 1/Paragraph!!!!!!!

The following are useful internet sites

www.nutsandboltsguide.com if you have any questions regarding paper mechanics, references or any questions regarding research paper writing

www.Iconn.org A Connecticut Library site for any type of reference material. You will need any valid Connecticut library card with bar code. The bar code is necessary to log in

www.citationmachine.net Citation machine helps students and professional researchers to properly credit the information that they use. Its primary goal is to make it so easy for student researchers to cite their information sources, that there is virtually no reason not to

There are numerous internet references at the end of the chapters to get you started. The paper will be more **ISSUED** orientated. It cannot just be about an animal. More to what is happening in the ocean. If you have any questions ask them soon. The paper is due _ Nov 3 _. Again no late papers!!

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Grading:

A 94-100	C+ 77-79
A- 90-93	C 73-76
B+ 87-89	C- 70-72
B 83-86	D+ 67-69
B- 80-82	D 60-66
	F 0-59

Class Withdrawal and Students with Special Needs: I refer you to the appropriate sections in the Fall catalog if you fall into either category

Academic honesty and Civility

It seems strange to have to write this, but I expect and require you to exhibit academic honesty when you take any quiz, exam, or research paper. What this means is that you do not cheat in any way. Do not ask other students for answers, give other students answers, or copy answers off other students or other papers. Also, you are expected to inform me of any student who is not practicing academic honesty in the class. Students will be dealt with forthrightly. All work on the research paper must be completely your own writing and only your own work. I also require that you practice civility and courteousness in this class to your fellow students and the professor. I will not condone and will not tolerate foul language and inappropriate behavior by students that is deemed disruptive to the order and progress of the class. Kindly turn off an object that has an on and off button.

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