### THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# PRINCIPALS OF ENV SCIENCE/ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES BIO K180/ENV K101

Spring 2011

Text: Environmental Science 11<sup>TH</sup> Edition. Author: Richard T. Wright.

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## 1/20/11

Week	Topic	In Class	Assignment (Includes one page writing every week)
1 Jan 20	Introduction: Sustainability	Overview	Read Chapters 1, 2
2	Sustainability, Economics, Politics & Public Policy		<b>Chapters 3, 4, 5</b>
Jan 27	Intro: Ecosystems and Biodiversity		
3	No Class		Supplemental
Feb 3	Attend Environmental Seminar		Reading
4	<b>Ecosystems and Biodiversity</b>		Chapters 8, 9
Feb 10	Intro: People and Environment		
5	People and Environment		Chapters 10, 20
Feb 17	Intro: Water and Water Pollution		
6	Water and Water Pollution	Quiz 1	Chapters 11, 12
Feb 24	Intro: Soil, Food and Environment		Supplemental Reading
7	Soil, Food and Environment		Chapters 14, 15
Mar 3	Film: Food, Inc.		
	Intro: Energy		
8	No Class		Supplemental
Mar 10	Attend Environmental Seminar		Reading
9	Spring Break		
Mar 17			
10	Energy		Chapter 16
Mar 24	Film: Who Killed the Electric Car?		
	Intro: Renewable Energy and Green Design		
11	Renewable Energy and Green Design	Quiz 2	Chapters 18, 19
Mar 31	Intro: The Atmosphere:		Research for Group
	Air Pollution, Climate Change		Presentations
12	The Atmosphere: Air pollution, Climate Change		Research for Group
Apr 7	Intro to Carbon Footprint		Presentations

13 Apr 14	Green Eating Meal Group Presentations	Chapter 23
14 Apr 21	No class Attend Environmental Seminar	Supplemental Reading
15 Apr 28	Stewardship for a Sustainable Future Evening Talk	Semester Review
16 May 5	Semester Review	
17 May12	Final Exam	

- READINGS WILL BE FROM ENV SCI TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL.
- QUIZZES WILL BE BASED ON LECTURE, READING MATERIAL, AND SUPPLMENTAL MATERIALS.
- REGULAR ATTENDANCE AND CLASS PARTICIPATION IS EXPECTED. PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME AND DO NOT LEAVE EARLY WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTICE.
- EXTRA CREDIT MAY BE OFFERED AS AN OPTION.
- THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP OF QUIZZES WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL.

#### **EVALUATION AND GRADING**

20% - QUIZZES (2) 25% - FINAL EXAM 15% - ASSIGNMENTS 20% - PRESENTATION 20% - ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION

### PLEASE NO PHONES OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN CLASS

### **Course Description and Objectives:**

This course provides a general overview of contemporary environmental fundamentals and issues. Using the text, supplemental readings and web-based resources, the student will be introduced to the biotic and abiotic underpinnings of healthy ecosystems, environmental economics and sustainability, the tenuous relationship between people and the environment, renewable and non-renewable energy, air and water pollution, and the elements of sustainable living. The course will provide a general environmental literacy.