



ESS 301 – Global Change and Humankind

A transcript for this course will be issued by the host university, Shanghai International Studies University.

Basic Information:

Instructor Name	TBD
E- Mail	
Office	TBD
Office Hours	TBD, and by appointment

Course Description:

This course will give students an integrated overview of global change and an analysis of the implications of this change for patterns of daily life in peoples' own circumstance and around the world. Humankind is facing an unprecedented environmental crisis. This course's principal objective is to inspire students to know about our environment and crisis and challenges we are facing.

Required Course Materials:

Textbook	Edition	Author	Publisher	ISBN-10
Environment: The Science Behind the Stories	6th	J. Withgott, M. Laposata	Pearson	0134204883

Link to the ebooks:

https://www.amazon.com/Environment-Science-Jay-H-Withgott-ebook/dp/B01MR8G3CI/ref=mt_kindle?encoding=UTF8&me=

Course Hours:

The course has 19 class sessions and a 5-hour field trip. Each class session is 160 minutes in length. The course normally meets from Monday to Friday. This course has a total of 67 contact hours including a final exam. Final exams are scheduled on July 29 and 30, 2019.

Prerequisite:

None

Course Schedule:

Week	Session	Day	Topic (s)	Chapter(s)
Week 1	July 2	T	School Orientation	
	July 3	W	Background: Earth History	Ch. 1-3
	July 4	TH	Background: Matter, Energy, Earth Systems	Ch. 1-3
	July 5	F	Background: Evolution, Biodiversity and	Ch. 4-5



		Ecology		
Week 2	July 8	M	Background: Evolution, Biodiversity and Ecology	Ch. 4-5
	July 9	T	Agents of Change: Human Population, Agriculture	Ch. 6 & Ch.8
	July 10	W	Exam 1	
	July 11	TH	Agents of Change: Resources	Ch. 15
	July 12	F	Agents of Change: Resources	Ch. 16
Week 3	July 15	M	Agents of Change: Resources	Ch. 17 & Ch.18
	July 16	T	Impacts: Land (Soil and Forests)	Ch. 7
	July 17	W	Impacts: Land (Soil and Forrests)	Ch. 10
	July 18	TH	Impacts: Water (Freshwater and Ocean)	Ch. 11
	July 19	F	<p>Field Trip (5-Hour) Shanghai Museum</p> <p>Shanghai Museum is a large museum of ancient Chinese art. The Shanghai Museum boasts a collection of 140,000 precious relics, featuring bronzes, ceramics, paintings and calligraphy. The abundance and quality of the collection have enjoyed a high reputation both at home and abroad.</p>	
Week 4	July 22	M	Impacts: Water (Freshwater and Ocean)	Ch. 12
	July 23	T	Exam 2	
	July 24	W	Impacts: Air	Ch. 13
	July 25	TH	Impacts: Climate Change	Ch. 14 & Summary Report
	July 26	F	Class Review	
Week 5	July 28	Sta	Reading Day	
	July 29	M	Final Exam	
	July 30	T	Final Exam	

Grading Policies:

Part	Percentage
Participation	10%
Exam 1	20%
Exam 2	20%
Summary Report	20%
Final exam	30%

Grade Distribution:

Percentage	Letter Grade	Grade Points
100-90	A	4.0
80-89	B	3.0



70-79	C	2.0
60-69	D	1.0
59 or below	F	0.0

Academic Integrity

School expects honesty from students in presenting all of their academic work. Students are responsible for knowing and observing accepted principles of scholarly research and writing in all academic work.

Academic dishonesty or cheating includes acts of plagiarism, forgery, fabrication or misrepresentation, such as the following:

- claiming the work or thoughts of others as your own
- copying the writing of others into your written work without appropriate attribution
- writing papers for other students or allowing them to submit your work as their own
- buying papers and turning them in as your own
- having someone else write or create all or part of the content of your assignments
- submitting the same paper for more than one study or class without explicit permission from the faculty members

General Principles

This program is committed to principles of trust, accountability, clear expectations and consequences. It is also committed to redemptive efforts, which are meaningful only in light of these principles. Students will be granted due process and the opportunity for an appeal.

Academic dishonesty offenses generally are subject to incremental disciplinary actions. Some first offenses, however, receive severe penalties, including dismissal from the program.

General Disciplinary

The following is a non-comprehensive list of possible actions apart from dismissal from the program: warning from a professor, program director; a lower or failing grade on an assignment, test or course; suspension or dismissal from the course; suspension or dismissal from the program.

Disciplinary Actions for Specific Offenses

Some academic dishonesty offenses call for specific disciplinary actions. The following have been identified:

Falsification of documents: Students who falsify or present falsified documents may be dismissed. Prospective students who are discovered to have presented falsified admission documents prior to admission shall be denied admission to the program. Should it be discovered after admission that a student had presented falsified documents for admission, such admission may be annulled and the record of academic achievement removed from the academic record, with appropriate notations. Such annulments or denials may be reviewed after one year.

Dishonesty in course requirements: Course work (a quiz, assignment, report, mid-term examination, research paper, etc.) in which a student has been dishonest generally will receive zero points towards the grade in fulfillment of a course requirement, and/or the student may receive a failing grade for the course. The professor of the course determines the appropriate consequence.



Final assignment: When a student cheats in a major or final assignment such as a comprehensive examination or presents plagiarized material in a major or final assignment, that student shall receive an F in that particular subject. Student cheats on more than two exams shall be dismissed from this program.