

Water 760: Water Resources and the Science, Policy and Politics of Climate Change

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Online

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Syllabus is subject to Change

Week: Dates	Topic
1: Jan 22-25	Introduction to Course
2: Jan 28-Feb 1	Climate Change and Water Resources
3: Feb 4-8	Anthropogenic Climate Change
4: Feb 11-15	Climate Models and Scenarios
5: Feb 18-22	Translating Information into Action
6: Feb 25-Mar 1	Midterm
7: Mar 4-8	Environmental Policies Related to Climate Change
8: Mar 11-13	Climate Change Policies
March 18-22	Spring Break
9: March 25-29	Translating Information into Action
10: Apr 1-5	Climate Change Politics and grassroots efforts
11: Apr 8-12	Final Exam

Policies and Procedures

I. UWSP Community Bill of Rights and Responsibilities

UWSP values a safe, honest, respectful, and inviting learning environment. In order to ensure that each student has the opportunity to succeed, a set of expectations have been developed for all students and instructors. This set of expectations is known as the Rights and Responsibilities document, and it is intended to help establish a positive living and learning environment at UWSP. For more information go to: <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuaffairs/Pages/rightsandresponsibilities.aspx>.

The Rights and Responsibilities document also includes the policies regarding academic misconduct, which can be found in Chapter 14. A direct link can be found here: <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuaffairs/Documents/RightsRespons/SRR-2010/rightsChap14.pdf>.

II. Americans with Disabilities Act

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal law requiring educational institutions to provide reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. For more information about UWSP's policies, check here: <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuaffairs/Documents/RightsRespons/ADA/rightsADAPolicyinfo.pdf>.

If you have a disability and require classroom and/or exam accommodations, please register with the Disability Services Office and then contact me at the beginning of the course. I am happy to help in any way I can. For more information, please visit the Disability

Services Office, located on the 6th floor of the Learning Resource Center (the Library). You can also find more information here: <http://www4.uwsp.edu/special/disability/>.

III. Late Quiz/Assignment Policy

I understand that you are often fitting this course into the nooks and crannies of your lives, but it is unfair to the other students in the class if assignments are not graded because I am waiting for a late item. All students get one late drop. After that, all late assignments will be met with a 10% deduction. Assignments will not be accepted after they are one week late. Please plan accordingly.

IV. Assessment

6 quizzes 10 points each (lowest score is dropped) 50 pts

4 discussions 25 pts each (100 pts)

Midterm 75 pts

Final Exam/project 75 points

Total Points: 300 pts

Grade	Percent	Grade	Percent
A	94-100%	C	70-74%
A-	90-93%	C-	65-69%
B+	87-89%	D+	62-64%
B	83-86%	D	55-61%
B-	80-82%	F	< 55%
C+	75-79%		

V. Civility

Thus far, incivility has never been a problem, but please remember that you do not have to agree with the person, but NO MATTER WHAT you may not insult other classmates. Slurs against a person's gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, political affiliation or essentially attacks against a person are not tolerated in this class or on this campus (and in professional settings). This requirement does not restrict your freedom of speech associated with expressing your opinion. Learning how to express opposing opinions without becoming emotive or insulting is an excellent skill to acquire.