

Teaching Plan for ES 110G
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ES 110G. Introductory Environmental Science. 4 Credits (3+3P). The scientific study of how humans impact the environment and how the environment impacts humans. About half of the course focuses on mechanisms operating at multiple scales, including connections, cycles, and feedback loops of environmental systems.

ES 110G is a four-credit course that meets three times per week for lecture (M, W, F 1:30-2:20 pm), and in one of 3 labs (T,W,R 430-630 pm). The labs are scheduled to meet in Skeen in either 122 or 138. Typically I have about 35 to 40 students in the fall class. I intend to teach the course with a similar content as in prior semesters.

1. Lectures. Lectures will be presented using a combination of zoom and canvas interactive activities. I will be studying methods this summer that can be used to make the classes more interactive and interesting using Canvas and Zoom for class instruction. Exams will be given on canvas. The online practice will eliminate students meeting during lecture times. If the COVID-19 concerns are significantly reduced and there is more than a month of time left in the semester, I plan to resume face to face lectures. Otherwise, I will continue to use online instruction through the end of the semester.
2. Labs. If there is no reduction in COVID-19 concerns, all labs will be conducted using canvas and zoom. Materials that are required for the labs, will be mailed to the students so that they can complete their labs. Lab TAs will be needed to help present the labs over zoom and grade lab assignments.

If COVID-19 concerns are significantly reduced and face to face classes resume, class attendance will be taken. A student will immediately notify me and the aggie health center by email or telephone if they suspect they are ill (body temperature in excess of 100.4F, cough, or shortness of breath). Social distancing will also be practiced. If I am notified that a student has become ill with COVID-19, I will follow HIPPA guidelines and provide the appropriate class information to university health officials.