

ENVR 3850 / GEOG 3850 Sustainable Manitoba

LECTURE: 7:00-9:45 pm Wed, Winter 2016
258 St. Paul's College

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Please reference course number in all correspondence.
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COURSE WEB SITE: <https://universityofmanitoba.desire2learn.com/d2l/login>

READINGS: As assigned.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course approaches local sustainability issues from an interdisciplinary perspective. By looking at the ecological, social and economic aspects from a variety of discipline perspectives, a fuller understanding of sustainability is achieved. The broad range of perspectives is achieved through participation of guest speakers from other faculties and outside of the university as well as excursions outside of the classroom. Prerequisite: 60 credit hours

Certain threads that will be found throughout the course include the role of the arts in sustainability, aboriginal issues, social justice, human health, and landscape's relationship to identity.

As one small step towards living more sustainably, we ask that all students and guest speakers use only refillable beverage containers in class such as reusable coffee mugs and water bottles. Through education and small personal actions such as these, we can realize positive change.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- to introduce students to a broad range of sustainability perspectives with a focus on local issues
- to address themes from an ecological, social and economic perspective
- to explore the role of the arts and literary / cultural studies in sustainability
- to integrate learning about sustainability issues from different discipline perspectives into a fuller understanding of sustainability
- to enhance understanding of the interdisciplinary nature of sustainability issues
- to promote interdisciplinary thinking and balanced perspectives

FIELD TRIP:

A half-day field trip will be held on Friday, March 11th, 2016, 12:30-6:00pm. A waiver must be signed by each participant. Attendance is optional, but recommended. Confirmation of attendance is required by March 2nd, 2016.

EVALUATION: Students will be evaluated through a series of assignments as well as class attendance. The assignment requirements are posted on the course web site. A citation and standard referencing format is required whenever presenting a fact, idea, graphic or photo that is not your own. All assignments are graded individually and are individual efforts unless otherwise stated.

Assignment	Percent	Due Date
Personal Sustainability Project Plan	5%	Jan 20
Journal (2*15%)	30%	Feb 10 and Mar 30
Proposal Background (group)	15%	Feb 10
Final Proposal (group)	30%	Mar 30
Personal Sustainability Project	15%	Apr 6
Attendance / Participation	5%	Throughout term

ENVIRONMENT AND GEOGRAPHY GRADE SCALE:

A+	90-100
A	80-89
B+	75-79
B	70-74
C+	65-69
C	60-64
D	50-59
F	0-49

All assignments are due at the beginning of class. All assignments are to be submitted electronically on UMLearn. Late submissions may be accepted based on medical or compassionate grounds.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: Plagiarism and other forms of cheating are prohibited. Plagiarism is to take words, ideas or other materials such as photos, diagrams or data that you did not create, and pass them off as your own. You must provide adequate and correct citation of the sources of ideas whether quoted directly or paraphrased. To collaborate with another student when not permitted to do so by the Instructor is “Inappropriate Collaboration” and is subject to penalty under the Student Discipline By-law. Students should acquaint themselves with the University’s policy on Academic Integrity found in the University of Manitoba General Calendar. http://umanitoba.ca/student/resource/student_advocacy/cheating_plagiarism_fraud.html

Other policies of interest including the Policy on Respectful Work and Learning Environment and the Policy on the Responsibilities of Academic Staff with Regard to Students can also be found in the General Calendar. http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/index.html

CLASS ATTENDANCE:
Students are expected to attend all classes and may be debarred from the course, resulting in a failing grade if more than 3 classes are missed without adequate medical documentation or compassionate grounds. Students should refer to the General Academic Regulations and Requirements, Attendance at Class and Debarment, found in the University of Manitoba General Calendar. http://umanitoba.ca/student/records/leave_return/695.html

CLASSROOM CONDUCT:
Use of smart phones, laptops and other electronic devices in class are allowed only for class purposes such as taking notes or answering course-related questions. No audio or video recording allowed unless prior permission is obtained from the Instructor and it is required for documented medical reasons. No taking photos of Instructor or students without express permission.

VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL DATE: March 18th, 2016

	Date	Theme	Assignments Due
1	Jan 6	Introduction to Sustainability	
2	Jan 13	Nature Deficit	
3	Jan 20	Sustainability and Consumption	Personal Sustainability Project Plan
4	Jan 27	Sustainable Happiness	
5	Feb 3	Sustainability and Spirituality	
6	Feb 10	Project Proposals	Journal #1 & Proposal Background
	Feb 17	Reading Week	
7	Feb 24	Reconciliation and Sustainability	
8	Mar 2	Sustainable Landscapes	
9	Mar 9	Sustainability and Food	Field Trip March 11th
10	Mar 16	Social Enterprises	
11	Mar 23	Environment and Art	
12	Mar 30	Final Project Presentations	Journal #2 & Proposals
13	Apr 6	Wind-up	Personal Sustainability Project