

San José State University
Environmental Studies Department
ENVS 210, Current Topics in Environmental Studies, Spring, 2025

Course and Contact Information

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Course Format

Faculty Web Page and MYSJSU Messaging

Course materials such as syllabus are distributed to students and posted on the department home page. You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through [MySJSU](http://my.sjsu.edu) at <http://my.sjsu.edu> (or other communication system as indicated by the instructor) to learn of any updates.

Course Description

An investigation of current research topics in the field of Environmental Studies. lectures by faculty, visiting scholars, and Master's student candidates are accompanied by class discussions and analysis of academic journal articles. Prerequisites: Graduate Student Standing or instructor consent

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

The goal of this course is to introduce students to environmental theory and research.

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1) Discuss a number of current and pressing environmental issues and some research being done to address them;*
- 2) Understand the strengths and limitations of a number of environmental theories and research designs;*
- 3) Apply knowledge of research design and methods to your or other graduate student's thesis research;*

Required Texts/Readings

No Textbook required

Course Requirements and Assignments

“Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally three hours per unit per week) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities, including but not limited to internships, labs, and clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.”

There is No Final Examination or Evaluation

“Faculty members are required to have a culminating activity for their courses, which can include a final examination, a final research paper or project, a final creative work or performance, a final portfolio of work, or other appropriate assignment.”

Grading Information

Determination of Grades

Grades are based on participation in weekly seminars.

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<i>A plus</i>	<i>960 to 1000</i>	<i>96 to 100%</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>930 to 959</i>	<i>93 to 95%</i>
<i>A minus</i>	<i>900 to 929</i>	<i>90 to 92%</i>
<i>B plus</i>	<i>860 to 899</i>	<i>86 to 89 %</i>
<i>B</i>	<i>830 to 829</i>	<i>83 to 85%</i>
<i>B minus</i>	<i>800 to 829</i>	<i>80 to 82%</i>
<i>C plus</i>	<i>760 to 799</i>	<i>76 to 79%</i>
<i>C</i>	<i>730 to 759</i>	<i>73 to 75%</i>
<i>C minus</i>	<i>700 to 729</i>	<i>70 to 72%</i>
<i>D plus</i>	<i>660 to 699</i>	<i>66 to 69%</i>
<i>D</i>	<i>630 to 659</i>	<i>63 to 65%</i>
<i>D minus</i>	<i>600 to 629</i>	<i>60 to 62%</i>

Classroom Protocol

You are expected to attend every class, use good etiquette with your cell phone, and participate in class discussions.

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9 (<http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf>), relevant information to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. is available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](#) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>” Make sure to review these university policies and resources with students.