

Spaceship Earth - Honors

Course Syllabus

This document will be the foundation of the course. All items presented here explain how the course will be administered throughout the semester. It is the responsibility of the enrolled student to follow all requirements and restrictions presented here in this document.

Contact Information

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Course Requirements

Objective: This course is designed to understand and critically think about the many aspects of the world they live. Students will engage in speaking, writing, think critically, and function as responsible global citizens throughout the course of the semester.

Textbooks: "Taking Sides: Environmental Issues"

Readings: Various additional readings are available on the course website at www.ux1.eiu.edu/~cdcraig.

Attendance: Required for lecture. The class only meets once a week for four hours, missing a class will create a major problem since most of the writing will be based solely on what is discussed during the class time. Therefore, if you miss, you will receive zero points for your participation and reaction paper.

Athletes: All make-up work must be completed within one week of the assignment or receive a zero.

Course Components

Writings: Each student will write a reaction essay for each topic discussed throughout the semester. The essays are due the following class. Each essay submitted must be single-spaced and no less than 600 words. Please put the title of the reaction essay on the top line with your name directly below it and centered. Do not put anything else. These writings are expected to be similar to graduate papers/essays and scored out of ten points.

Examinations: There are essay examinations for this course. Both examinations will be based on readings for the course and you will be able to use your textbook as reference. Each examination will have three questions that will require critical analysis of the issues discussed.

Term Paper: You will be assigned a term paper on an environmental topic of your choice. The instructor must approve your topic. The term paper must be a minimum of 15 pages (double spaced) with a minimum of 10 resources. Sixty percent of the sources must be in the print form (i.e. books, journal articles, e-journals, etc). The remaining forty percent may be from websites. The term paper is due on April 19, 2010.

Speech: In lieu of a formal speech, each student will be required to write an essay to be presented in a film on PBS this Spring. The essay must be original and demonstrate critical thinking. You will be evaluated on the content, delivery, non-verbal communication, etc for this different type of project. Further information will be provided.

Course Etiquette

Success in this course will be based solely on your ability alone. You are not entitled to be given an 'A' just because you are enrolled in the course. You must work for the grade you desire. Ask questions when you do not understand a concept. Contact the instructor for further help. Take notes during lecture and read course materials. Respect your classmates and instructor. Disrespect results in a 100-point reduction of your total point score.

Due dates are strictly enforced. All work for the semester is to be completed by due dates within the semester. No additional work or extra credit will be given after the semester ends to change your grade. The final grade for the course is final.

Use of Technology

The use of mobile phones is strictly forbidden in this course. If you are caught using your mobile device (i.e. texting, answering a call, etc.), 100 points will be taken from your final score. If you are expecting to receive an emergency call, please inform your instructor before class begins.

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to practice academic excellence here at Eastern Illinois University. If you are caught plagiarizing a project, assignment, or other requirement in the course, you will receive an 'F' for the course and be reported to Judicial Affairs. If you are caught cheating on an examination or other assessment in this course, you will receive an 'F' for the course and be reported to Judicial Affairs. Further information can be found in the Student Code of Conduct handbook found on Eastern Illinois University's website.

Grading Information

The course will use the university standard grading scale (i.e. 90%, 80%, etc.). The grade distribution listed below will be used in determining the grade you earn for the course.

<i>Component</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Total</i>
Examinations (including final)	2	100	200
Weekly Writings	10	10	100
Term Paper	1	100	100
Speech	1	100	100
		<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>500</i>