

Sociology/GLOS 4305

Society and the Environment: An Enduring Conflict

MW 1:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m Blegen 205

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Syllabus

Over the past 150 years, human society's damage to its local and global environment has increased dramatically. Nowadays, those environmental harms are increasingly coming back to harm humans as well as other species. If we keep on this way, human society will suffer increasing disasters and may not be sustainable into the future. This course explores why this situation has come about and what we can do about it from a sociological viewpoint. The social sciences explain why we have often ignored the issue, despite clear natural science knowledge, and as a result, failed to head off predictable environmental disasters. The current global scale of environmental change presents even bigger risks, but also great opportunities learn how to better manage our "Spaceship Earth."

Requirements

Essays/Exercises: Six (one page) at 3 points each.....	18 points
Quizzes: 14 at 2 points each.....	28 points
MIDTERM EXAM.....	24 points
FINAL EXAM.....	30 points
Total.....	100 points

Take all quizzes and write and submit all on the class Moodle Website by the required day and time. No late submission without doctor's note.

Moodle: class internet site

Use this site to see the discussion questions and assignments for the day, and to take and submit quizzes, write and submit essays, and to follow your grades. To access the class Moodle site go to <http://myu.umn.edu>, log in with your UMN Internet ID and password, click the My Courses tab. You may need to select Active tab to find this course. Enter site.

Texts available for purchase

Bell: Michael M. Bell 2015. *An Invitation to Environmental Sociology* (Fifth Edition). Thousand Oaks: Pine Forge Press. (**do not** use earlier edition, only fifth edition)

Wilson: Edwin O. Wilson, *The Social Conquest of Earth*

CLASS SCHEDULE

Date of face-to-face class period	To prepare for class	Major graded activities due
Sept 9 Week 0	Course Introduction - no preparation necessary	
Sept 14 Week 1	Read: Wilson, pp. 7-56 and Discussion Questions Complete: any Assignments for this lecture on our course Moodle Site under this date.	
Sept 15		Quiz 1~(Monday and Wednesday readings)~Due Wednesday, September 16 at 12:00 PM
Sept 16	Read: Wilson pp. 57-105 and Discussion Questions Complete: any Assignments for this lecture on our course Moodle Site under this date.	
Sept 21 Week 2	Read: Bell, Chapter 1, pp. 1-29 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date.	
Sept 22		Quiz 2
Sept 23	Read: Bell, Chapter 1, pp. 30-46 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date.	On this week (MW)readings-due on Moodle by Wednesday, Sept. 23 12:00 pm Wednesday September 23
Sept 28 Week 3	Read: Bell, Chapter 2, pp. 47-62 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date.	
Sept 29		Quiz 3
Sept 30	Read: Bell, Chapter 2, pp. 62-77 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date.	On this week (MW) readings-due on Moodle by Wednesday, Sept. 30 12:00 pm
Oct 5 Week 4	Read: Bell, Chapter 3, pp. 78-95 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date.	
Oct 6		Quiz 4~ On this week (MW)readings-due on Moodle by Wednesday, Oct. 7 12:00 pm

Oct 7	Read: Bell, Chapter 3, pp. 95-106 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date.	
Oct 12 Week 5	Read: Bell, Chapter 4, pp. 107-116 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date.	
Oct 13		Quiz 5~ On this week (MW)readings-due on Moodle by Wednesday, Oct. 14 12:00 pm
Oct 14	Read: Bell, Chapter 4, pp. 116-130 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date.	
Oct 19 Week 6	Read: Bell, Chapter 5, pp. 131-162 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date.	
Oct 20		Quiz 6~ On this week(MW)readings-due on Moodle by 12:00 pm Wednesday, Oct. 21.
Oct 21	Read: Bell, Chapter 6, pp. 163-180 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date.	
Oct 26 Week 7	Read: Bell, Chapter 6, pp. 180-191 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date. (End of Bell, Pt I, The Material)	
Oct 27		Quiz 7~ On this week (MW)readings-due on Moodle by 12:00 pm Wednesday, Oct. 28.
Oct 28	Midterm Exam on Wilson & Bell Pt1	MIDTERM EXAM
Nov 2 Week 8	Read: Bell, Chapter 7, pp. 195-211 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date.	
Nov 3		Quiz 8~ On this week(MW)readings-due on Moodle by 12:00 pm Wednesday, Nov. 4.
Nov 4	Read: Bell, Chapter 7, pp. 211-219 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date.	

Nov 9 Week 9	Read: Bell, Chapter 8, pp. 220-241 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date.	
Nov 10		Quiz 9~ On this week (MW)readings-due on Moodle by 12:00 pm Wednesday, Nov. 11.
Nov 11	Read: Bell, Chapter 8, pp. 241-251 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date. (by mistake did Chp 9 this day, Fall 2015)	
Nov 16 Week 10	Read: Bell, Chapter 9, pp. 252-264 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date (Essay 3 due). (have class discussion of Essay 3 and do more detail on Chp 9 this day)	
Nov 17		Quiz 10~ On this week(MW)readings-due on Moodle by 12:00 pm Wednesday, Nov. 18.
Nov 18	Read: Bell, Chapter 9, pp. 264-282 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date. (finish Chp 9 and start Chp 10 on risk) Assign Essay 4 on risk	
Nov 23 Week 11	Read: Bell, Chapter 10, pp. 283-311 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date. Essay 4 on risk due today.	
Nov 24		Quiz 11~ On this week (MW)readings-due on Moodle by 12:00 pm Wednesday, Nov. 25.
Nov 25	No class. Assign Essay 5	
Nov 30 Week 12	Read: Bell, Chapter 11, pp. 315-329 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date. Essay 5 due.	
Dec 1		Quiz 12~ On this week(MW)readings-due on Moodle by 12:00 pm Wednesday, Dec. 2.
Dec 2	Read: Bell, Chapter 11, pp. 329-344 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date. Assign Essay 6	

Dec 7 Week 13	Read: Bell, Chapter 12, pp. 345-355 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date. Essay 6 due.	
Dec 8		Quiz 13~ On this week(MW)readings-due on Moodle by 12:00 pm Wednesday, Dec. 9.
Dec 9	Read: Bell, Chapter 12, pp. 356-364 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date.	
Dec 14 Week 14	Read: Bell, Chapter 13, pp. 365-374 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date. Distribute Final Exam Guide.	
Dec 15		Quiz 14~ On this week(MW)readings-due on Moodle by 12:00 pm Wednesday, Dec. 16.
Dec 16 (last day of class)	Read: Bell, Chapter 13, pp. 374-389 and DQ Complete: Assignments on Moodle Site for this date.	
Dec 19, Saturday		Final Exam at 1:30-3:30 PM