

BIOLOGY 3720/01; ENV5 3720/01
Spring, 2017

Course Description

BIOL 3720/ENV5 3720(cross-listed courses) include an in-depth survey of sustainability efforts in the areas of campus facilities and curriculum at Kennesaw State University and is especially relevant for students with interest in the area of Environmental Studies. The course has a service-learning component in which teams of students examine aspects of KSU's sustainability activities and develop proposals to improve or enhance ongoing efforts or introduce new ones.

Prerequisite: BIOL 1108/1108L or GEOG 1113

Course Goals & Objectives

Students will learn about Kennesaw State University's sustainability program in the areas of campus facilities and academic curriculum. Students will learn by:

- meeting and interacting with administrators and facilities personnel who have responsibilities related to campus sustainability,
- reviewing literature and web-based information on sustainability practices on other campuses and in the corporate world, and
- carrying out service-learning activities in which they develop proposals to improve or enhance ongoing efforts or introduce new ones.

Attendance Policy:

Class attendance and participation in group project activities will be considered in determining the course grade. Students are responsible for all lecture and assigned reading material, and for all announcements made in class, including announcements amending this course syllabus. Amendments to the syllabus will also appear on the course web page.

Make-up exams may be given if prior arrangements are made; the make-up exam may be more difficult than the original.

If the University is closed on an exam day, the exam may be given during the next class time.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT – ADA STATEMENT

Any student who, because of a disabling condition, may require some special arrangements in order to meet the course requirements should contact the instructor as soon as possible to arrange the necessary accommodations. Students should present appropriate verification from KSU disAbled Student Support Services. No requirement exists that accommodations be made prior to completion of this approved University process. Accommodations are arranged on an individualized, as-needed basis after the needs and circumstances have been evaluated. The following individuals have been designated by the President of the University to provide assistance and ensure compliance with the ADA. Should you require assistance or have further questions about the ADA, please contact:

disAbled Student Support Services

[470-578-6443](tel:470-578-6443), 470-578-6667F, 470-578-648 OTTY

disAbled Student Support Services Website

http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/dsss/dsss.html

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion works in alliance with students, faculty, administrators, staff and the surrounding community to promote Kennesaw State University's vision of developing a strong multicultural, diverse and inclusive educational environment. Kennesaw State University is committed to producing well-educated students and future leaders who are well-prepared to effectively compete in a global society as well as to support continuous professional development opportunities and provide a wide range of resources to faculty, administrators and staff in order to

enhance diversity, equity and inclusion awareness.

The overall mission of our office is to facilitate through collaboration with campus and community constituents a focused institutional effort to evaluate existing programs and develop new initiatives to support diversity, equity and inclusion at Kennesaw State University.

ACADEMIC WITHDRAWAL

Students who find that they cannot continue in college for the entire semester after being enrolled, because of illness or any other reason, should complete an official withdrawal form. Forms may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar.

Students who officially withdraw from courses will be assigned grades of “W” which will not affect their overall scholastic average. Those students who stop attending classes and notify no one usually are assigned failing grades which jeopardize their chances of future academic success.

Students may, by means of the same withdrawal form withdraw from individual courses while retaining others courses on their schedule. The last day to withdraw without academic penalty for this semester is: **Wednesday, March 1, 2017.**

Failure to do so will mean that the student has elected to receive the final grade earned in the course. The only exceptions to these withdrawal regulations will be for those instances that involve unusual and fully documented circumstances.

Academic Integrity

The entire KSU Student Code of Conduct, including Academic Integrity and Campus Life can be found at http://www.kennesaw.edu/scai/code_of_conduct.shtml. Excerpts are listed here.

The high quality of education at Kennesaw State University is reflected in the credits and degrees its students earn. The protection of these high standards is crucial since the validity and equity of the University's grades and degrees depend upon it. Any student found to have violated any KSU academic honesty regulation after a hearing before a university hearing panel or before the Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Services (or his/her designee) shall be suspended for at least one semester, unless the student persuades the deciding body that the circumstances of his or her behavior substantially mitigate the gravity of the violation. These regulations are designed to assist students in (1) developing appropriate attitudes about, and (2) understanding and following the university's standards relating to academic honesty. The regulations protect students by helping them avoid committing infractions that may compromise the completion of their KSU degrees or damage their reputations.

A. Plagiarism and Cheating

No student shall receive, attempt to receive, knowingly give or attempt to give unauthorized assistance in the preparation of any work required to be submitted for credit as part of a course (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.). When direct quotations are used, they should be indicated, and when the ideas, theories, data, figures, graphs, programs, electronic based information or illustrations of someone other than the student are incorporated into a paper or used in a project, they should be duly acknowledged.

B. Unauthorized Access to Official University Materials

No student shall take or attempt to take, steal or in any unauthorized manner otherwise procure, gain access to, alter or destroy any material pertaining to the conduct of a class (including tests, examinations, grade change forms, grade rolls, roll books, laboratory equipment, University grade records in written or computerized form, etc.).

C. Misrepresentation, Falsification of University Records or Academic Work

No student shall knowingly provide false information in completing University forms or applications (including admissions forms, scholarship applications, time sheets, use of false or counterfeit transcripts, etc.) or in any work submitted for credit as part of a course.

D. Malicious Removal, Retention, or Destruction of Library Materials

No student shall misplace, take, destroy or attempt to misplace, take or destroy any item or part of an item belonging to or in the protection of the University library with the intention of bringing about an undue disadvantage in the classroom work of other Kennesaw State University students.

E. Malicious/Intentional Misuse of Computer Facilities and/or Services

The malicious or intentional misuse of computer facilities and services is prohibited. Violation of state and federal laws (including copyright violations, unauthorized access to systems, alteration/damage/destruction, or attempted alteration/damage/destruction, use for profit, etc.) or a department's rules for computer usage (including account violations, damage, or destruction of the system and/or its performance, unauthorized copying of electronic information, use of threatening or obscene language, etc.) is prohibited.

Disruption of Campus Life

It is the purpose of the institution to provide a campus environment which encourages academic accomplishment, personal growth, and a spirit of understanding and cooperation. An important part of maintaining such an environment is the commitment to protect the health and safety of every member of the campus community. Belligerent, abusive, profane, threatening and/or inappropriate behavior on the part of students is a violation of the Kennesaw State University Student Conduct Regulations. Students who are found responsible for such misconduct may be subject to immediate dismissal from the institution. In addition, university disciplinary proceedings may be instituted against a student charged with a violation of a law which is also a violation of this student code without regard to the pendency of civil litigation in court or criminal arrest and prosecution. Proceedings under this student code of conduct may be carried out prior to, simultaneously with, or following civil or criminal proceedings off-campus.

Textbook

There is no required text for this course. Students will carry out research on sustainability initiatives carried out by other universities or by industry. Much of this information will be web-based.

Journals

Students will keep a journal and make entries following each class session. For the first half of the semester the entries will consist of reflections on the material presented in class by the instructor or guest lecturers. For the second half of the semester, students will log in their personal contributions to their group projects.

Journals will be collected three times this semester. Late submissions will result in a loss of a letter grade (10%) per day.

TENTATIVE GRADING SCHEME

Exam 1 & 2	150 points each
Class attendance & participation	175
Journals	125
Project report - Oral	150
Project Report - Written	250
Total	1,000 points

A = 900 – 1,000; B = 800 – 899; C = 700 – 799;
D = 600 - 699