

## Global Learning Semesters

### Course Syllabus

Course: ESCI-200 Society and Environment

Department: Liberal Arts

Host Institution: Intercollege, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
ESCI-200	Society and Environment	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall, Spring	42	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Liberal Arts	Lower Division	English

### Course Description

This course examines some of the most pressing social and environmental problems that the world is facing today. It explores issues such as poverty and wealth, globalization, population growth, urbanization, food and agriculture, pollution, biodiversity conservation, environmental justice, and sustainable development. Through readings, documentaries, and class discussion, the course addresses the origins of these problems and explores alternative approaches for attaining a more sustainable future.

### Instructor

Dr Costas Papastavros

### Course Aims and Objectives

To introduce students to some of the most pressing social and environmental issues that the world is facing today, focusing on the relationship between human societies and the natural environment

### Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through lectures, documentaries, class discussion, and a research assignment.

### Course Teaching Hours

42 hours of lecture. The course is delivered during the Fall and Spring semesters in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

### Evaluation and Grading

Mid-term Test:	25%
Research Paper:	25%
Final Exam:	35%
Class Participation:	15%

## Readings and Resources

### Required Textbooks

Seitz, John, L. 2001 (2<sup>nd</sup> edition). Global Issues: An Introduction. Blackwell Publishers.

Starke, Linda (Ed.). 2003. State of the World 2003. New York, USA: W. W. Norton & Company Ltd./The World watch Institute.

### Recommended Reading

Agyeman, Julian, Robert D. Bullard, Bob Evans, and Mark A. Gluck. 2003. Just Sustainabilities: Development in an Unequal World. London: Earthscan Publications Limited.

Carley, Michael and Philippe Spapens. 1998. Sharing the World: Sustainable Living and Global Equity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. London: Earthscan Publications Limited.