

# Global Learning Semesters

## Course Syllabus

Course: IREL-640 The Environment in International Relations

Department: International Relations

Host Institution: Intercollege, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
IREL-640	The Environment in International Relations	3.7
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
International Relations	Upper Division	English

### Course Description

European Union and Environment, Cyprus towards Europe-Harmonization process, The Earth Summit, Meeting Environmental Targets, The Global Economy and Consumption, Managing Global Resources, Metabolizing Nature, Sustainability and Social Commitments, Local Environmental Action.

### Instructor

Costas Papastavros, Ph.D.

### Course Aims and Objectives

The objective of this course is to provide students with an understanding of the environmental challenges, what we now need to know, and what we need to do, to live within sustainable limits. The course also aims at helping students understand how we use the environment: converting natural resources into human artifices, commodities and services, and also how the fate of the global environment is indissolubly linked to our consumption, particularly in the North.

### Teaching Methods

Lectures, discussions, assigned readings, projects & video films.

### Course Teaching Hours

42 hours. The course is delivered during the Fall semester in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

### Evaluation and Grading

Midterm Exam: 30%  
Final Exam: 40%  
Term Paper: 20%

Class Participation: 10%

## Readings and Resources

### Required Textbooks

- a) Michael Redclift, *Wasted*, Earthscan, 1996
- b) Michael Carley and Philippe Spapens, *Sharing the World*, Earthscan, 1998
- c) European Commission, *Caring for our future*, 2000
- d) Environment Service, *Sustainable development and environment in Cyprus*, 2001