

**ESCI 1301 – Introduction to Environmental Science – Spring 2026**

**Monday & Wednesday 1:30-2:50 – UGLC 220**

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**Required e-textbook – *Environmental Science & Sustainability***

**Sherman & Montgomery 2nd edition**

**The drop date for courses is April 2, 2026.**

**After that date, the College of Science will not approve any course withdrawals. If the student withdraws from all courses for medical or other reasons, there can be exceptions.**

**Any cheating or plagiarism will be dealt with according to University policy (see statement at the bottom of the syllabus).**

**Notes - 30% - Take notes on each lecture and submit by 5 PM Friday each week as a Word or PDF file via Blackboard.**

**inQuizitive Homework - 30% via Blackboard. Submit before 5:00 PM Friday.**

**Exams – 40% - Mid-term & final 20% each. Final is not cumulative.**

**Extra credit – Perform UTEP EDGE activities related to environmental issues and document (Turn in description in writing to Dr. Kubicki). 2% each up to 10% of grade.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Lecture Topic</b>	<b>Notes, InQuizitive &amp; Exams</b>
1/21	Ch. 1	Environmental Science & Sustainability	
1/26	Ch. 1	Environmental Science & Sustainability	
1/28	Ch. 2	Environmental Science & Sustainability	Notes & InQuizitive 1 due
2/2	Ch. 2	Ethics, Economics & Policy	
2/4	Ch. 2	Ethics, Economics & Policy	Notes & InQuizitive 2 due
2/9	Ch. 3	Matter & Energy	
2/11	Ch. 3	Matter & Energy	Notes & InQuizitive 3 due
2/16	Ch. 4	Life	
2/18	Ch. 4	Life	Notes & InQuizitive 4 due
2/23	Ch. 5	Conservation	

2/25	Ch. 5	Conservation	Notes & InQuizitive 5 due
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3/2	Ch. 6	Human Population	
3/4	Ch. 6	Human Population	Notes & InQuizitive 6 due
3/9		Review	
3/11		Mid-Term Exam	In class
3/23	<i>Ch. 12</i>	<i>Food</i>	
3/25	Ch. 12	Food	Notes & InQuizitive 7 due
3/30	Ch. 7	Water	
4/1	Ch. 7	Water	Notes & InQuizitive 8 due
4/6	Ch. 8	Air	
4/8	Ch. 8	Air	Notes & InQuizitive 9 due
4/13	Ch. 11	Climate	
4/15	Ch. 11	Climate	Notes & InQuizitive 10 due
4/20	Ch. 13	Fossil Fuels	
4/22	Ch. 13	Fossil Fuels	Notes & InQuizitive 11 due
4/27	<i>Ch. 14</i>	<i>Energy Alternatives</i>	
4/29	<i>Ch. 14</i>	<i>Energy Alternatives</i>	
5/4	Ch. 14	Energy Alternatives	
5/6		Review	Notes & InQuizitive 12 due
		Final – To be scheduled	

**Disabilities:** I will make reasonable accommodations for students with limitations due to disabilities, including learning disabilities. Please see me personally before or after class in the first two weeks or make an appointment, to discuss any special needs you might have. If you have a documented disability and require specific accommodations, you will need to contact the Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) in the East Union Bldg., Room 106

within the first two weeks of classes. CASS can also be reached in the following ways:

Web: [sa.utep.edu/cass](http://sa.utep.edu/cass)

Phone: (915) 747-5148 voice or TTY

Fax: (915) 747-8712

E-Mail: [cass@utep.edu](mailto:cass@utep.edu)

Student Success Help Desk (SSHD) at [studentsuccess@utep.edu](mailto:studentsuccess@utep.edu). The email will create a ticket and one of the dedicated staff members will contact and assist students immediately.

[https://www.utep.edu/advising/student\\_resources/student-success-resource-hub.html](https://www.utep.edu/advising/student_resources/student-success-resource-hub.html)



**Cheating/Plagiarism:** Cheating is unethical and not acceptable. Plagiarism is using information or original wording in a paper without giving credit to the source of that information or wording: it is also not acceptable. Do not submit work under your name that you did not do yourself. You may not submit work for this class that you did for another class. If you are found to be cheating or plagiarizing, you will be subject to disciplinary action, per UTEP catalog policy. Refer to <http://www.utep.edu/dos/acadintg.htm> for further information.

### **How to Get Help from the InQuizitive Team:**

If you have any questions or concerns about InQuizitive throughout the semester, please read their FAQ at [help.inQuizitive.co](http://help.inQuizitive.co). If you need more help, contact their customer support team directly at [help@inQuizitive.co](mailto:help@inQuizitive.co).

For a brief introduction to InQuizitive Questions and why we are using it in class, watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OV7QmikrD68>

## InQuizitive Questions

Participation is a requirement for this course, and the InQuizitive Questions platform will be used for online discussion about class topics. InQuizitive Questions is an online community where you can be fearlessly curious and ask open-ended questions to build on top of what we are covering in class and relate topics to real-world applications.

### InQuizitive Requirements:

Your participation on InQuizitive will count toward **30%** of your overall course grade.

There will be a **Friday deadline** for submissions. In order to receive full credit, you should submit the following per each deadline period:

### How to Register on InQuizitive:

Note: Only access InQuizitive through **Blackboard** in order to ensure your grades sync properly

1. Click "InQuizitive" within **Blackboard** to access the community.
2. Follow the instructions on your screen to finish your registration.
3. **In order for your grade to be visible in Blackboard**, make sure to only access InQuizitive via **Blackboard**