

Environmental Science COURSE SYLLABUS

CONTACT INFORMATION	COURSE INFORMATION
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Environmental Science is an A/B science course with a focus on conservation ecology and field research in Alaska. Conservation ecology is a branch of ecology focused on managing and preserving habitats and ecosystems. Two key goals of conservation ecology are preventing extinctions and restoring habitats and ecosystems. The conservation ecology and field research skills you'll leave this course with include the understanding of the ecology of different habitats, native plant identification and physiology, freshwater and marine ecology, forest soil chemistry, and environmental stewardship in the outdoors. Environmental Science will also cover climate change, the environmental effects of increasing global temperatures, and the social/ethical/political implications of climate change, leaving you prepared to address these natural and policy challenges in the future.

GRADING:	GRADE	%
	A+	99-100
	A	93-98
	A-	90-92
	B+	87-89
	B	83-86
	B-	80-82
	C+	77-79
	C	73-76
	C-	70-72
	NC	0-69

Meets State Standards

No Credit

GRADING CATEGORIES:

15% Classwork/Homework
 35% Labs/Projects
 50% Exams

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:

- Students can expect in class and dorm work daily and are encouraged to work together to reach understanding.
- Students are expected to follow the classroom behavior expectations outlined by Mr. Holmes.
 - Be good/respectful to others.
 - Hold ourselves to a high standard.
 - No phones/headphones while someone is speaking.
 - No music/headphones/social media out in the field.

- Students must communicate with the teacher about excused work for absences or extraneous situations before it is due not when it is due. This policy is for personal or extracurricular travel also.
- Students will have one day to make up assignments for every school day they missed.

This absence policy will also apply to you if you are in quarantine.

I have read and understand the Environmental Science course syllabus.

Name: _____ Date: _____