

San José State University
College of Social Science/Department of Environmental Studies
ENVS 10 (48868), Life on a Changing Planet, Fall 2022

Course and Contact Information

Instructor:	Rachel Lazzeri-Aerts
Class Information:	Access all class Modules, materials, assignments through Canvas LMS
Class Meetings:	Mon/Wed 9:00-10:15am via Zoom
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Office Hours:	Built into class time and by appointment via Zoom
GE/SJSU Studies Category:	B2

Course Overview and Description

The purpose of this course is to give you the basic skills and knowledge necessary to critically examine biological and environmental issues. Living systems are in a constant state of change, both as a result of natural processes and human activities. The course materials emphasize the understanding and use of the scientific method and the analysis of conflicting data and viewpoints. Students will use life science information to analyze environmental issues and debates by considering scientific consensus and the weight of scientific evidence.

This course is, at its heart, a biology course. What makes it different is the application of the material to environmental issues. These two subject areas are closely linked, though rarely taught together. By presenting this information together, it is my hope that at the end of the course you will have gained both the basic

Library Liaison

Peggy Cabrera (peggy.cabrera@sjsu.edu) is the Library Liaison for the Department of Environmental Studies. She is a great resource. Email her for help via email or to set up a Zoom appointment.

Course Requirements and Assignments

Class Format

This course will be completely online through Canvas the Learning Management System used by SJSU. Class content, readings, video lectures, assessments, activities, and exams will be organized into Modules by topic. The course is designed to expand and grow with each Module, and many sections will refer back to previous Modules. Complete the tasks in the order presented to get the most out of the course.

Formatting for Written Work

Please note that all assignments need to be formatted as follows: 12 point font, Times New Roman, 1 inch margins, doubled spaced, include a header with name and date on first page only, and use Turabian/Chicago, MLA, or APA author-year citation style where applicable. There will be a points deduction for not following these guidelines.

Grading Policy

Your grade will be based on your assessments, exam, assignments, and class participation. All assignments are to be turned in through Canvas before the specified due date and time.

Grade Scale

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
A plus	97 to 100%
A	93 to 96%
A minus	90 to 92%
B plus	87 to 89 %
B	83 to 86%
B minus	80 to 82%
C plus	77 to 79%
C	73 to 76%
C minus	70 to 72%
D	60 to 69%
F	Less than 60%

Late Work

All graded work is **due BEFORE 11:59pm on the due date**, unless otherwise indicated in the assignment details or course schedule. Late work is **NOT** accepted. Plan accordingly, and do not wait until the last minute to submit an assignment. Exceptions may be considered for legitimate and documented circumstances (ie. medical emergency, death in the family).

Rubrics

Most assignments will be graded using a rubric. For assignments and discussions that utilize a rubric, you should review the rubric before submitting your work to ensure you have met all assignment guidelines and requirements.

[How to view a rubric for an assignment?](#)

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Academic Integrity

Please read the [Academic Integrity Policy](#). You should know and understand both plagiarism and cheating.

Your commitment, as a student, to learning is evidenced by your enrollment at San Jose State University. The University's [Academic Integrity Policy F15-7](#) requires you to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development. The [Student Conduct and Ethical Development website](#) has more information. Instances of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. **Cheating or plagiarism (presenting the work of another as your own**

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