Lehman College, CUNY  
Department of Earth, Environmental, and Geospatial Sciences  
ENV 210 (Introduction to Environmental Science)  
Fall 2023

Class: ENV 210 (Introduction to Environmental Science)  
Class Meeting Days/Time: Mondays, 12:30-3:10 p.m.; hybrid modality: via Zoom Meeting Platform, and in-person in GI 324)

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Course Description: ENV 210: 3 hours, 3 credits. Overview of environmental systems and issues. Topics include ecosystems, species and biodiversity, soil conservation, water and waste management, and environmental pollution.

Learning Outcomes: Students will be able to show competency on various aspects of physical and biological environment, including air, water, biodiversity and ecosystem/community structures,

students will be able to demonstrate understanding of necessary tools to look at environmental concerns or policies from an interdisciplinary perspective,

students will be able to investigate/critically analyze various environmental damages/deterioration in the environmental quality in any given area/region, and

students will be able to utilize holistic approaches for environmental management.


Price (obtained from Lehman College’s Bookstore): $119.99 (for new one); $69.99 (for used one)

Suggested reading: Relevant materials/articles for individual topics will be suggested throughout the semester.

Attendance Policy: Attendance and punctuality to lectures will be noticed and will affect your grade. Each absence after 1 absence will cost 5 points off the attendance grade. Late homework assignments are NOT accepted. See Missed Exam policy under Grading Section.

***Announcements are usually made during the first 5 minutes of class, so be on time. It is your responsibility to get the work you missed from the Professor or other classmates.
**Grading Policy:** Lecture will include: Two regular lecture exams (60%), term-paper presentation (20%), and classroom activities (class participation and attendance; 20%).

**Missed Exams:** You will have no opportunity to makeup a missed exam, and will be given a grade of zero unless excused by the Professor (with a verified medical or emergency excuse only). If excused by the Professor, a makeup exam may be given (which may be essay or oral). Additional missed tests or assignments will be given a grade of zero unless excused by the Professor. **Any excused absence requires a neatly written or typed explanation of why you will miss or have missed, and must have supporting documentation.** Each individual’s circumstances vary, thus the Professor will evaluate each situation on its own merits. It is at the sole discretion of the Professor to excuse a student from a missed exam based on extenuating circumstances. It is your responsibility to submit the documentation to me during office hours ONLY and discuss the missed test, class or assignment with me when you return to class and before the end of the semester – no exceptions.

It is advised that the student call or e-mail the Professor immediately if an emergency arises and the student will miss or has missed an exam, or assignment deadline [the assignment may be e-mailed to the Professor on the due date so that the assignment is not late]. The Professor will set up an appointment with the student to further discuss the situation.

**Withdrawal Policy:** In accordance with the Lehman College policy as stated in the college catalog, students may proceed for withdrawal from a course. This semester, the withdraw deadline is …….. The student must take responsibility for initiating the withdrawal procedure. Students are strongly encouraged to talk with the Professor first before taking any withdrawal action.

**Accommodating Disabilities:** Lehman College is committed to providing access to all programs and curricula to all students. Students with disabilities who may need classroom accommodations are encouraged to register with the Office of Student Disability Services. For more information, please contact the Office of Student Disability Services, Shuster Hall, Room 238, telephone number, 718-960-8441.

**Academic Integrity and Plagiarism Policy:** Plagiarism is the use of ideas, facts, opinions, illustrative material, data, direct or indirect wording of another scholar and/or writer—professional or student—without giving proper credit. Expulsion, suspension, or any lesser penalty may be imposed for plagiarism. For more information, please refer to http://www.lehman.cuny.edu/student-affairs/documents/student-handbook-02.pdf

**Standards of Conduct:** Students are expected to abide by all the College guidelines.

1. **Classroom courtesy:** Students are expected to participate during class, however, discussion should be conducted in an orderly manner. A student should raise his/her hand to ask a question or comment on a topic. Side conversations between students will NOT be tolerated. Disruptive or disrespectful behavior at any time will not be tolerated.

2. **Beepers and cell phones:** Both are required to be turned off during all classes- **no exceptions.** If your phone or beeper goes off during class, you will be expected to leave the classroom for the remainder of the lecture.
3. **Academic Integrity:** All Students are to maintain ethical academic behavior at all times. The following is a partial list of conduct that would be unbecoming of a member of a college community:
1. Plagiarism or unauthorized collaboration on any assignment
2. Cheating on examinations, quizzes and assignments
3. Multiple submissions of work for credit more than once
4. Forgery, falsification, or sabotage
5. Theft, damage, or misuse of library or computer resources

**Flexibility clause:** Circumstances may arise during the course that may prevent the Professor from fulfilling each and every component of this syllabus; therefore, the syllabus schedule should be viewed as a guide and is subject to change. *Students will be notified of changes in advance.*

**Important Dates and Course Assignments:**
Exam 1 (Mid-term): October 23, 2023 (in-person)
Term-paper Presentation: Starts on October 30, 2023 (in-person)
Final Exam: December 18, 2023 (at time class meets; in-person)

**Class Schedule:**

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