

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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INSTRUCTOR COMMUNICATION

Your NWFSC email is the official communication medium of the College. Please check your College email regularly for any class and College notifications. The instructor will respond within 48 hours, **Monday through Friday**.

COURSE INFORMATION

- Course Subject and Number: Introduction to Environmental Science EVR 1001C
- Course Name and Number: EVR 1001C/20459
- Class Location (Campus/Building/Room): Niceville/Building 350/Room 237
- Class Modality: Traditional In-person
- Class Days: M/W
- Class Times: 4:00pm-6:20pm
- Online Classroom with Gradebook: [Canvas class shell](#)
- Final Exam: TBA

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a survey of basic chemical, biological, and physical principles of environmental science and their applications to environmental issues. This course is appropriate for students in a wide range of disciplines or programs.

COURSE GOALS

Students will develop an understanding of the functioning of the natural world.

Students will develop an appreciation of how natural ecosystems were formed and developed.

Students will develop an understanding of how human actions may impact ecosystems negatively, which can contribute to the severity of natural disasters.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will apply critical thinking to analysis and interpretation of environmental information and model output.
- Students will apply the scientific method to explain natural experiences and phenomena.
- Students will explain the basic chemical, biological, and physical principles of environmental science.
- Students will use empirical evidence to describe the historical and modern context of environmental problems and their solutions.

COURSE PREREQUISITES

None.

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS

None.

RECOMMENDED COURSE MATERIALS

Access to NWFSC databases and library services.

ASSIGNMENTS, GRADING SCHEME AND PROCEDURES**Assignments**

Assignment Category	Points/Percentage of Grade	Due Date
Exams – 4 exams	50%	Exams are given at the end of each major Unit (Components of Ecosystems, Ecology/Biodiversity,

		Sustainability/Resources, and Environmental policy)
Quizzes – online quizzes	20%	Quizzes will be online on Canvas. Each topic will have two quizzes.
Lab exercises	20%	Lab exercises will include a variety of practical applications of topics covered.
Discussions	10%	In person and online discussion topics will cover significant publications and theories pertaining to Environmental Science

Grading Scheme

Grade	Range
A	90 – 100 %
B	80 – 89 %
C	70 – 79 %
D	60 – 69 %
F	59 and less %

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS AND RESOURCES

NWFSC aims for excellence in education and scholarly pursuits. Campus policies and procedures support this goal by protecting the health, safety, welfare, and property of the College and its students. To view all campus policies, please see the [college catalog](#). Several essential policies are provided below with the corresponding link to the full policy for your review.

NWFSC POLICY	DESCRIPTION
Academic Integrity	<p>Students are expected to behave responsibly as members of the College community and be honest and forthright in their academic endeavors. This includes the use of generative AI tools. Using genAI in any form to substantially complete an assessment is prohibited, except where explicitly allowed by the instructor.</p> <p>Any time the instructor suspects there is a violation of Academic Integrity or there is a reported Academic Integrity Incident, the</p>

	<p>instructor is required to investigate it as outlined in the Academic Integrity section of the handbook (linked to the left). The instructor will provide information to the student about the procedure, the complaint, the findings, and any consequence imposed.</p> <p>Students are also expected to behave professionally and refrain from disrupting other students' learning environments.</p>
<u>Accommodations</u>	The <u>Accommodation Resource Center</u> at Northwest Florida State College is committed to providing equal access and opportunities for educational success to all students with disabilities as guided by the American Disabilities Act and other disability-related laws.
<u>Attendance</u>	Regular attendance and participation in the course is expected. All students should adhere to the College calendar. For dual enrolled students, high school holidays may not be College holidays.
<u>Tutoring Services</u>	Tutoring services are available in person and online.
<u>Counseling Services</u>	All actively enrolled students can receive an initial assessment and up to five therapeutic sessions with a Behavioral Health provider at no cost to the student.
<u>Student Code of Conduct</u>	Students are expected to adhere to the rules, regulations, and policies outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.
<u>Student Complaints</u>	NWFSC desires to resolve student grievances, complaints, and concerns expeditiously, fairly, and in an amicable manner. A student who desires to resolve a grievance may initiate the resolution process using the information in the link provided to the left.
<u>Student Rights and Responsibilities</u>	All students should review the Student Rights and Responsibilities section of the Student Handbook to understand their role as a student.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

EMERGENCY COLLEGE CLOSURE

This course's schedule, requirements, and procedures are subject to change in the event of unusual or extraordinary circumstances. If the College closes for inclement weather or another emergency, any exams, presentations, or assignments previously scheduled during the closure period will automatically be rescheduled for the first regular class meeting held once the college reopens. If changes to graded activities are required, students will not be penalized due to the adjustments but will be responsible for meeting revised deadlines and course requirements.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY TOOLS

Northwest Florida State College subscribes to Turnitin, an online plagiarism detection and prevention service. By enrolling in this class, students consent to upload their papers to Turnitin, where they will be checked for plagiarism. Papers submitted to Turnitin may be saved as source documents within these databases to detect plagiarism in other papers. Please note: All assignments submitted in this course are analyzed for plagiarism and originality.

ACADEMIC CONTINUITY PLAN

NWFSC is dedicated to protecting the health and well-being of its students, staff, and faculty. The College is dedicated to working with faculty and students to ensure timely course and program completion during emergencies. In the event of a College closure, the format of this course may be modified to enable completion of the course through other means, including but not limited to online course delivery through online classrooms. Check your RaiderNet College email and LMS classroom online for any updates.

WELCOME TO CLASS

Thank you for choosing NWFSC for your education—and welcome to class!