ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES 3
INTRODUCTION TO THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT
SECOND SUMMER SESSION 2016

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Welcome to Environmental Studies 3. This is the third in the series of courses for the Environmental Studies major. A principal objective of the course is to assess the relationship of human societies and cultures with the environment from their beginnings to the present day. Particular emphasis will be placed on contrasting various cultures with regard to their practices of environmental manipulation. The first half of the course will illustrate the environment in control of early civilizations, and the need of those people to adapt to their environment. The second half of the course traces civilization’s increasing control over the environment, with industrialization, capitalism and global warfare being the tools, ideology, and results of human domination.

Through a chronological approach to environmental studies, the course will encompass archeology, literature, art, science, anthropology, philosophy, social science, and political economy. The course traces the development of Western capitalism from its origins to modern times, and assesses its impact on society and culture.

BOOKS

Please purchase the following paperback books:

Jared Diamond, Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies
ES 3 Course Reader available at SBPrinters in the UCEN

EXAMS AND PAPER

There will be an in-class midterm and final. Both will contain a major identification section and an essay section.

Tuesday, September 6, your course papers are due in class. The source material for the papers is contained in the last sections of the reader (from Taking Sides). These issues will be the basis for your papers. Write a 6-to-7-page analysis of one of these broad themes using the issues that pertain to them. Guidelines for this assignment will be distributed after the midterm.

DISCUSSION SECTIONS

Discussion sections are an important part of the course. Twenty percent of the course grade will be determined by the section grade.

Thursdays will be section days. Attendance at all sections is required. Sections are in HSSB 1173 (same as the classroom). There is no section on September 10 (day of final exam).

The overall percentage breakdown for the final grade is:
Midterm  25 percent  
Section  25 percent  
Paper  25 percent  
Final  25 percent  

SCHEDULE  

WEEK ONE (Aug. 1-4)  
COMPARATIVE ANCIENT CULTURES AND THE ENVIRONMENT I  
COMPARATIVE ANCIENT CULTURES AND THE ENVIRONMENT II  
READING: Reader: Section 1; Diamond, prologue-Ch. 10  

WEEK TWO (Aug. 8-11)  
THE MIDDLE AGES  
THE RENAISSANCE  
READING: Reader: Section 2; Diamond, Chs. 11-14  

WEEK THREE (Aug. 15-18)  
THE COLUMBIAN EXCHANGE  
A CLASH OF CULTURES IN A NEW WORLD  
READING: Reader, Section 3; Diamond, complete  

WEEK FOUR (Aug. 22-25)  
MIDTERM: MONDAY, AUG. 22, IN CLASS  
CAPITALISM, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT  
POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE PHILOSOPHERS  
THE ENLIGHTENMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT  
READING: Reader, Section 4  

WEEK FIVE (Aug. 29-Sept. 1)  
ROMANTICISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT  
PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION  
THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF GLOBAL WARFARE  
READING: Reader, Section 5, Supplemental 1  

WEEK SIX (Sept. 6-8)  
ENVIRONMENTAL SHOCKERS  
POLLUTION AND POPULATION  
MODERN CAPITALISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT  
READING: Section 6, Supplemental 2  

FINAL IN CLASS: THURSDAY, SEPT. 8, in class (HSSB 1173)  

Monday September 5 is Labor Day (no class).  

Please turn cell phones off during class.