



Welcome to Ecology
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Expectations and Grading Policy

Expectations:

1. Preparation for class: always bring your notebook, pen, charged chromebook and headphones to class as well as any other materials you are instructed to bring.
2. Class rules: general school rules are in effect. Please refer to the student handbook for the complete set of rules. ***Phones must be turned off and kept out of sight during class.***
3. Assignment guidelines:
 - Late projects and labs-must be submitted within one week of the due date. After that, no credit is given. For each day that the assignment is late, 10% will be deducted.
 - Assignments are due at **the time and date posted in Oncourse.**
 - I **do not** accept homework assignments late.
 - When you are absent you are responsible for finding out what you have missed and for making it up within a reasonable amount of time. *You must make up lab periods you miss or credit will be deducted. Labs can be made up during study halls, or before or after school when supervision is available.*
4. Talking and disruption of class is inappropriate and will not be tolerated. You are young adults and should act accordingly.

5. Safety
 - A. Fire Drill Route
 - B. Safety Procedure Sheet
 - C. Safety Contract

6. Grading Policies
 - A. Late projects and labs = 10% deduction per day, not accepted after one week
 - B. Homework assignments will not be accepted late.
 - C. Notebooks should be neat, legible and organized; the format is up to you
 - D. Grading categories are weighted as follows:
 - a. Assessments 50%
 - b. Projects and lab reports 40%
 - c. Individual practice 10%
7. Class participation is encouraged and expected!
8. Extra help is always available! Don't seek it after it is too late! I am available during recitation for help.

Course Sequence:

- Unit 1: Introduction to Environmental Science
- Unit 2: Ecosystems
- Unit 3: Local Forests
- Unit 4: Local Raptors
- Unit 5: Climate Change
- Unit 6: Land Resources

Your success is entirely up to you - if you are willing to work hard you'll do well!