

Course Title:	IB ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS & SOCIETIES- SL
<p>Course #: 350250</p> <p>Course Term: <b>yearlong</b></p> <p>Grade Levels: Grade 11-12</p> <p>Graduation Credit: Science</p> <p>CSU/UC: Lab Science (d)</p> <p>UC Honors designation: Honors</p>	<p>Environmental systems and societies (ESS) is an interdisciplinary course offered only at standard level (SL). ESS is firmly grounded in both a scientific exploration of environmental systems in their structure and function, and in the exploration of cultural, economic, ethical, political and social interactions of societies with the environment. As a result of studying this course, students will become equipped with the ability to recognize and evaluate the impact of our complex system of societies on the natural world.</p> <p>The interdisciplinary nature of the DP course requires a broad skill set from students, including the ability to perform research and investigations, participation in philosophical discussion and problem solving. The course requires a systems approach to environmental understanding and promotes holistic thinking about environmental issues. Teachers explicitly teach thinking and research skills such as comprehension, text analysis, knowledge transfer and use of primary sources. They encourage students to develop solutions at the personal, community and global levels.</p>