

Instructor:

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office hours:

M 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
W 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
or by appointment

class detailsclass time:

ENVS 110-01 MWF 9:00 – 9:50
ENVS 110-01 MWF 8:00 – 8:50 (bring your coffee)

Location: tbd – these are in-person classes

grading

50% 12 Weekly quizzes (one most Fridays – during the first 10 minutes of class) – you can drop two for any reason (that includes sickness, athletic events,
40% Homework assignments
5% Daily weather observations
5% Class participation, in-class exercises, etc.

extra credit

Well, maybe – I haven’t thought of any yet.

textbook:

A few semesters ago I began to write up my lecture notes: they can be found as a pdf on Moodle. They cover most of what I’d like to discuss in the class and serve as your textbook. I haven’t found a textbook yet that’s worth its money and covers everything I’d like to cover. If you want a second opinion:

Introduction to Climate Science by Andreas Schmittner

<https://open.oregonstate.education/climatechange/>

The “book” has one big advantage: **it’s free**. Prof. Schmittner wrote it for his class, which is different from mine, so some things may work great, others maybe not so much. He put much more work into it than I did, so it’s a bit more polished in appearance.

If that still makes you nervous and you are still in need of a nerdy Christmas present for yourself:

W.F. Ruddiman: [Earth’s Climate – Past and Future](#)

C.M. Kauffman: [Our Changing Climate](#)

accommodations:

If you are entitled to any accommodations, please let me know. If you have any other questions, concerns, suggestions, please let me know as well and I'll do my best to figure something out. The sooner you contact me the more likely we will arrive at a solution that works for both of us.

course content / assignments etc.:

Everything important will be posted to the Moodle site. You should check it a couple times a week (daily ?) It lists the course topics, and the corresponding chapters in the lecture notes. I will also post the lecture PowerPoints after the lecture.

Assignments and their deadlines will be posted on Moodle where you will also submit them. Deadlines are firm – unless I mess them up. Then the most lenient one usually counts.

If you cannot make an assignment on time, please let me know. Sometimes we can figure out a solution.

how to submit assignments:

Assignments often include sketches, graphs, drawings etc. yes, you could try to do them in Word, but it will be a pain in the butt. I suggest you get yourself a pencil and a few sheets of paper and get yourself a phone scanning app that allows you to save to pdf. CamScanner works well (but has had some privacy issues in the past). I use Office Lens (from Microsoft). Save as a pdf and upload to the Moodle site. Done!

academic (dis)honesty:

Quizzes are closed books/notes, you can work together on the homework assignments, but everybody needs to submit their own answers.

anything else?

maybe, but I can't think of any right now – so, ask!