Environmental Sociology SOC 565/665
Winter 2018
Wednesday 2-4:50

Professor: Julius McGee, PhD
Department of Sociology
217O Cramer Hall

Email: cjlouis@pdx.edu
Office Hours: Tuesday 2:00-4:00

Course Description: This course is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the key theories and literature in the field of environmental sociology. It is most appropriate for Ph.D. students seeking further research in environmental sociology, as well as graduate students and advanced undergraduates with a strong interest in studying the environment and society nexus.

Course Evaluation

Weekly writing responses (60%): Each week you will be required to write a 500 word (minimum) reading response, which will be due at the start of each class. Responses should include a brief overview of the week's readings, followed by a critical assessment of the content. Students may pose a series of unanswered questions, a critique of specific points, and/or a comparison of other works. At the beginning of each class, students will be required to spend 5-10 minutes conveying the contents of their reading responses to the class (this will be assessed and incorporated into your final grade for the assignment).

Final Paper (40%): Each will be required to hand in an essay (minimum 3,000 words) at the end of the course. The essay can either be 1.) An argument constructed using the readings from the course. 2.) A review of one of the books from the recommended reading list. 3.) A research proposal (this can be written as a draft for a grant proposal or a thesis proposal). 4.) A literature review for a research project.

Course Policies

Academic Honesty: You are expected to demonstrate complete academic honesty. Please refer to the Student Conduct Code for more detailed information on PSU policies. Cheating or plagiarizing will result in failing the assignment or the course and will be reported.

Students with Disabilities: Students with disabilities who may require accommodations are encouraged to contact the PSU Disabilities Resource Center (DRC) and the instructor at the beginning of the term to arrange accommodations. The DRC is located in 435 Smith and can be contacted at 725-4150 or by email at drc@pdx.edu.
Classroom Conduct: You must demonstrate the highest level of respect for your peers and for the instructor. All points of view will be welcomed and respected; however, statements or behaviors that are disrespectful towards individuals or groups will not be tolerated. Behaviors that are distracting to your peers and to the instructor are not acceptable (e.g. coming in late, packing up or leaving early, using cell phones, and having side conversations).
COURSE SCHEDULE AND READINGS

**Week 1: Environmental Sociology: Foundations, History, and Overview**


**Week 2: Treadmill of Production/Ecological Marxism and Ecological Modernization Theory**


**Week 3: Ecological Paradoxes (guest instructor Richard York)**


**Week 4: Environmental Disasters**


**Week 5: Ecofeminism**


**Week 6: Environmental Racism**


**Week 7: Extractive Industries and Rural Communities**


**Week 8: Public Perception, and Denialism**


**Week 9: Social Sustainability**


**Week 10: Animals and Society**


