

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Environmental Stewardship**

Course Number and Section:

GLE

2004G 550

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Course Description:

Environmental stewardship is defined as:

“Local environmental stewardship is the actions taken by individuals, groups or networks of actors, with various motivations and levels of capacity, to protect, care for or responsibly use the environment in pursuit of environmental and/or social outcomes in diverse social-ecological contexts.”

Bennett et al. 2018

The course will be co-taught by Luis Patricio (first half) and Dr. Andrea Butnari (second half)

In the first half of the course, we will discuss some of the most significant environmental challenges considering social and economic implications and our roles as environmental stewards from an individual, collective and systemic perspectives.

Relevant concepts, theories and frameworks such as intersectional environmentalism and the UN Sustainable Development Goals will be presented each week to enrich the understanding of the topics discussed.

Learning Outcomes:

Describe the most significant environmental challenges of our times and how they intersect with social and economic issues.

Enumerate existing and potential solutions to the most significant environmental challenges and analyse their impacts.

Identify ways that they act as environmental stewards and ways that they can become better environmental stewards in their personal lives and in their communities.

Apply tools with a systems-thinking lens to environmental challenges.

Demonstrate a basic understanding of the role that different sectors of society can play as environmental stewards.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Environmental Science for a Changing World (ESFACW), 4th edition by Susan Karr (Macmillan Learning).

*** Although this textbook is required, you are not required to purchase your own copy. Assigned readings will be available through the library website and accessible via OWL.

Other assigned weekly readings will be made available via OWL's weekly checklist.

Course website

Please access course content through OWL: <https://owl.uwo.ca/portal>. Please follow the lesson plans and announcements on OWL on a regular basis. Lecture notes and other additional material will be placed on OWL in a timely fashion, available for downloading. You are encouraged to communicate with your peers through OWL "forums" and with your instructor via OWL messaging.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Environmental Steward Journal (weekly weeks 2-8)		25
Weekly Quizzes		10
Participation		10
Bylaw Proposal Assignment	04/01/24	20
Final Exam		25

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lu̓naapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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