



**FOREST AND RANGELAND
STEWARDSHIP**
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

**NR150: Oceanography
COURSE SYLLABUS**
(MODIFIED FOR ONLINE DELIVERY)
Department of Forest and
Rangeland Stewardship
Warner College of Natural Resources

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Term:	Spring 2020
Class Meeting Days:	Tuesday and Thursday
Class Meeting Hours:	9:30 to 10:45
Class Location:	Clark 101A
Course Credits:	3

Office Hours Schedule*

*Subject to Change

NEW: Changes to syllabus, after Spring Break

OFFICE HOURS:

We will be holding virtual office hours. Times will be TBA.
We will respond quickly to emails.

My promise to you:

I promise I will do my very best to keep up the academic integrity of our course, while at the same time do my best to make it a positive and productive learning environment. And, I am striving to continue to motivate you and spark your curiosity to explore our topics.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of my team if you need help or have any questions or concerns. We will try to do our best to work with each of you individually to help you finish this semester successfully. Please let us know your special needs during these unusual times.

Your Feedback:

As always, we appreciate your constructive feedback.

We ask you to please be open-minded and flexible during these difficult times. We may have to make further changes if advised by CSU.

UPDATED COURSE SCHEDULE:

What's new, in a nutshell:

Starting in WEEK 10 (3/31):

- Lectures are recorded/narrated
- Transcripts of lectures are posted
- Modules open up on Tuesdays, 12:15AM and remain open for the remainder of the semester
- Homework assignments open up with module and close at 11:59PM the following Monday
- One weekly online discussion will substitute for two in-class participations per week (iclicker)
 - One online discussion opens up with module and remains open until the following Monday, 11:59PM
- In-class projects and extra credit opportunities will be announced.

WEEK 9: 3/26

Participation (online discussion substitute for in-class iclicker: 5.6 points (due April 6, 11:59PM)

Exam 2 (60 points) online, timed (75 min), one attempt, not proctored, open book/notes

- Exam has to be taken between 3/26 at 12:30PM and (submitted by) 3/30 at 11:59PM
- 50 multiple choice and True/False questions (1 point each)
- 2 short answer questions (5 points each)

WEEK 10: encompasses our class times on 3/31 and 4/2

Module: Circulation of the Ocean (Ch 9)

- Module opens up 3/31.
 - **NEW:** Narrated (recorded) lectures and Transcripts.
- Participation (online discussion substitute for in-class iclicker: 5.6 points)
- 2 HW assignments
 - Any HW assignments and participation will open up at Tuesdays, 12:10AM and close the following Monday at 11:59PM

WEEK 11: encompasses our class times on 4/7 and 4/9

Modules: Waves (Ch 10) & Tides (Ch 11)

- Participation (online discussion substitute for in-class iclicker: 5.6 points)
- 2 HW assignments
 - Any HW assignments and participation will open up at Tuesdays, 12:10AM and close the following Monday at 11:59PM

WEEK 12: encompasses our class times on 4/14 and 4/16

Exam 3 & Module: Life in the Ocean (Ch 13) (material will not be on Exam 3)

- Participation (online discussion substitute for in-class iclicker: 5.6 points)
- 1 HW assignment
 - Any HW assignments and participation will open up at Tuesdays, 12:10AM and close the following Monday at 11:59PM

WEEK 13: encompasses our class times on 4/21 and 4/23

Modules: Primary Producers (Ch14) & Marine Animals: Invertebrates, Part I (Ch15)

- Participation (online discussion substitute for in-class iclicker: 5.6 points)
- 2 HW assignments
 - Any HW assignments and participation will open up at Tuesdays, 12:10AM and close the following Monday at 11:59PM

WEEK 14: encompasses our class times on 4/28 and 4/30

Module: Marine Animals: Invertebrates Part II and Vertebrates Part I (Ch 15)

- Participation (online discussion substitute for in-class iclicker: 5.6 points)
- 2 HW assignments
 - Any HW assignments and participation will open up at Tuesdays, 12:10AM and close the following Monday at 11:59PM

WEEK 15: encompasses our class times on 5/5 and 5/7

Module: Vertebrates Part II (Ch 15) & Marine Communities Part I; Readings: Chapter 16

- 2 HW assignments
 - **Note:** homework due on Sunday at 11:59PM

WEEK 16: Finals Week

The basis for grading will not change, but some adjustments within categories had to be made:

PARTICIPATION (60 points)

	Mode	Points earned
Before spring break	13 iClicker in class (2.8 pts each)	36.4
After spring break	6 online discussions (5.6 pts each)	33.6
Total		70 points

Reminder: Any points over 60 points will count towards Extra Credit

IN-CLASS PROJECTS (60 points)

	Mode	Points earned
Before spring break	3 in-class/online (8 points each)	24
After spring break	Online, to be announced	36
Total		60 points

HOMEWORK (210 points)

	Mode	Points earned
Before spring break	11 (10 points each)	110
After spring break	9 (10 points each)	90
	Everyone receives 30 bonus points because of special situation	30
Total		230

Note: Any points above 210 will count towards extra credit

MIDTERM EXAM (180 points)

	Mode	Points earned
Before spring break: Exam 1	In-class	60
After spring break	Online	

Exam 2		60
Exam 3		60
	Total	180 points

New format after spring break: Multiple choice, T/F, and short essay questions
Open book/notes

FINAL EXAM (90 points)

	Mode	Points earned
Week 16	Online	90

Multiple choice, T/F, and short essay questions, open book/notes

EXTRA CREDIT (60 points)

	Mode	Points earned
Before spring break	In-class/visit to NCAR exhibit	20
After spring break	Online, to be announced	10
	From Participation category	10
	From Homework category	20
	Total	60 points

Old Syllabus Material is Below:

Let me introduce our Teaching Team to you:

Dr. Ursula Quilmann: I have been teaching NR150-Oceanography since Fall 2011. I took last semester off from teaching on campus because I had the opportunity to teach a Semester at Sea. We sailed the world with 600 students on board. We crossed the Pacific Ocean and the Indian Ocean, and sailed along the Atlantic coast of Africa and Europe. We stopped in eleven countries and witnessed firsthand the state of our coastlines. I am excited to share photos and stories with you throughout the semester. Oceanography never gets boring because there is so much research going on and I'll do my best to incorporate the latest findings into my lectures. Additional research findings will be posted on our Facebook site. I encourage you to alert me if you come across any interesting articles or documentaries related to our class. You can send links to me directly or post them on our Facebook site.

I am a paleoceanographer and my research interests are past abrupt climate changes. As human actions continue to change the Earth's climate at an alarming rate, it is important to look into past climate changes prior to human influence on the climate to understand how the Earth's climate system naturally has worked on its own in the past. Understanding past climate changes helps us to better understand the future. The ocean and climate are a coupled system, and the ocean influences the climate by storing and transporting heat. The ocean is also a major reservoir for carbon dioxide, a key greenhouse gas. Such changes are reflected in seawater properties, such as temperature, salinity, and seawater chemistry. Signals of past changes are preserved in ocean sediments. I analyze ocean sediments to learn more about past ocean circulation and climate since the last ice age. I specialize in ocean biogeochemistry, stable isotopes and trace and minor elements in biogenic calcium carbonate of foraminifera (microscopic marine protozoa). I am also interested in the stability of the Greenland ice sheet and past marine ecologies and environments.

In recent years I have become more and more interested in modern oceanography, and I have realized the pressing need to protect our ocean and to protect the unique ecosystems and animals living in the ocean. I am looking forward to sharing my passion and my love for the ocean and our environment with you.

Lizzie Rose [Graduate Assistant]: My name is Lizzie Rose, and I am in my final semester of my Masters of Natural Resources Stewardship degree here at CSU. I am especially interested in forest ecology and broadening my knowledge about natural resources. I received a BA from St. Olaf College in Minnesota in Environmental Studies and English in 2015. I am originally from Kansas City and have a background in non-profit work in the environmental and animal welfare fields. This is my second year working with Dr. Quillmann, and I am excited to assist her throughout the coming semester. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions throughout the semester. I'm here to help!

Alex Lopez [Primary TA]: Alex Lopez is a Junior in the College of Business, studying Information Systems. As of now, she wishes to go onto law school following her graduation in the spring of 2021. She hopes to be able to practice Constitutional and Administrative law in the future. While not a Natural Resources major, she enjoys learning about the earth and how to help it to the best of her ability! When not in class, you can usually find Alex at the CSU Rec lifting or making some of her favorite vegetarian recipes!

Additional class support:

Cami Marfizo [TA]: My name is Cami Marfizo and I am a junior this year at CSU. I am studying Political Science and Sociology, which are both in the college of liberal arts. When I am not studying for classes or helping Dr. Quillmann out, I spend my other time working for Apple's corporate office, hanging out with my cat, and going on road trips across the country. Do not be afraid to shoot me an email or visit my office hours if you have any questions or just want to talk! :)

Maya Velasco [Graduate Assistant]: My name is Maya Velasco, and I'm in my second semester of the Masters of Natural Resource Stewardship program. I studied Political Science at Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, GA. After college I decided to pursue a career in agriculture and designed and managed several diversified vegetable farms for eight years. I'm pursuing my masters degree to pivot from a career in agriculture to ecological restoration and natural resource management. In my free time I love to read, go for hikes, and cook new recipes. Please feel free to get in touch if you need any help at all this semester!

Course Overview

The ocean is under greater pressure from anthropogenic influence than ever before, and therefore it is important that we try to understand the nature of oceanic processes. We will take an interdisciplinary approach by breaking oceanography into marine geology, chemistry, physics, and biology. In our geological oceanography component, we will explore how ocean basins and ocean floor features formed, such as ocean spreading ridges, trenches, and hydrothermal vents. Why is the ocean salty and where do the nutrients in the ocean come from? We will find out in our chemical oceanography component! The physical oceanography component addresses wave formation, tides, tsunamis, ocean surface and thermohaline circulation, and how these are constrained by ocean

basins and ocean floor features. Lastly, we will discuss biological oceanography in the context of geological, chemical, and physical oceanography to assess the complexity of marine life. We will study plankton, fishes, marine mammals, birds, and reptiles. Ecosystems like kelp forests, tidal pools, coral reefs, hydrothermal vents support an array of fascinating organisms. We will study how these organisms within an ecosystem interact with one another. Throughout the semester we will address the multiple threats the ocean is facing from human activities, including warming waters, plastic pollution, sand mining, ocean acidification, and sea level rise. We documented some of the consequences related to human activities during my Spring 2017 voyage with Semester at Sea. It gave me a deeper understanding of how pertinent it is to protect our ocean.

GT Pathways Natural & Physical Sciences

Lecture Course without Required Laboratory [GT-SC2]

The Colorado Commission on Higher Education has approved NR150-OCEANOGRAPHY for inclusion in the Guaranteed Transfer (GT) Pathways program in the GT-SC2 category. For transferring students, successful completion with a minimum C- grade guarantees transfer and application of credit in this GT Pathways category. For more information on the GT Pathways program, go to <http://highered.colorado.gov/academics/transfers/gtpathways/curriculum.html>.

The lecture content of a GT Pathways science course (GT-SC1 or GT-SC2) – students should be able to:

- a. Develop foundational knowledge in specific field(s) of science.
- b. Develop an understanding of the nature and process of science.
- c. Demonstrate the ability to use scientific methodologies.
- d. Examine quantitative approaches to study natural phenomena.

Inquiry & Analysis

Select or Develop a Design Process

- a. Select or develop elements of the methodology or theoretical framework to solve problems in a given discipline.

Analyze and Interpret Evidence

- a. Examine evidence to identify patterns, differences, similarities, limitations, and/or implications related to the focus.
- b. Utilize multiple representations to interpret the data.

Draw Conclusions

- a. State a conclusion based on findings.

Quantitative Literacy

Interpret Information

- a. Explain information presented in mathematical forms (e.g., equations, graphs, diagrams, tables, words).

Represent Information

- a. Convert information into and between various mathematical forms (e.g., equations, graphs, diagrams, tables, words).

Course Goals and Objectives

1. Explain formation of seafloor features and coastal landforms (*Geological Oceanography*)
2. Describe the chemical and physical properties of seawater and their influence on ocean chemistry and nutrients availability (*Chemical Oceanography*)
3. Describe ocean circulation and various kinds of waves (*Physical Oceanography*)

4. Deduce the distribution of organisms based of physical, chemical, and geological oceanographic factors (*Biological Oceanography*)
5. Argue for why the oceans matter for humans

Required Texts and Materials

- “Oceanography: An Invitation to Marine Science, 9e” by Tom Garrison (and Robert Ellis)
ISBN-13: 978-1305105164
Copy of the textbook is on reserve at the CSU library and can be checked out 2 hours at a time.
- iClicker

Library & Research Help

The CSU Libraries Help Desk provides research and technical assistance either in person at Morgan Library or by phone at 970-491-1841. Jocelyn Boice is the librarian supporting this course. Contact her by email at jocelyn.boice@colostate.edu or by phone at 970-491-3882 to ask questions or set up an appointment for in-depth research help.

Important Dates to Remember

Last Day to Add/Drop Classes Without an Instructor Override: 01/26

Registration Closes: 02/05

Spring Recess: 03/14-03/22

Last Day to Process a University Withdrawal: 05/08

Final Examination: Wednesday, 05/13 6:20-8:20PM

- You can find the final exam policy and the final exam schedule on the registrar site:
<https://registrar.colostate.edu/academic-resources/final-exams/>

Dates for Exams

Midterm 1: 02/18

Midterm 2: 03/10

Midterm 3: 04/14

- Midterm exams will be taken in Clark 101A during regular class times

Final Exam: 05/13 from 6:20-8:20PM

- Note: The final exam will be taken in Clark 101A but the times differ from our regular class time.

Your Feedback is Important:

- I would like to have open communication with my students throughout the semester. I invite you to stop by my office hours or my teaching team's office hours or contact any of us via email anytime with any questions or concerns. I am available to set up meeting times in addition to my regular office hours.
Please take advantage of this offer.
- After your first midterm exam, you will be given the opportunity to provide constructive criticism to our course. This process will be anonymous because I would like you to feel comfortable to provide honest feedback. I would like to find out what you like about the course, what is going well for you, and what I can do to improve the learning experience for you. I take these feedbacks very seriously and strive to implement reasonable changes immediately. I will discuss outcomes with you.
- Near the end of the semester, you will be asked to complete an online evaluation form. I read the evaluations from my students very carefully and use students' comments to improve the course the following semester. Note: These online course evaluations are anonymous. I will not see your feedback until after I have submitted your grades. I appreciate your honest and constructive criticism that I will implement to improve my teaching in the future.

Basis for Final Grade

Assessment	Points	Percent of Final Grade
a. Midterm Exams (3)	180	30%
b. Final Exam	90	15%
c. Homework Assignments (21)	210	35%
d. Participation	60	10%
e. In-class Projects	60	10%

Total:	600	100%
f. Extra Credit	60	10%

CSU grading scale:

Letter grade	% range
A+	97-100
A	93-96
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	70-76
D	60-69
F	<60

If you contest any grade, it must be done within one week of the assignment date. iClicker points must be contested within 24 hours of posting.

a. Midterm Exams: 180 points

There will be three midterms. Each midterm is worth 60 points. In-class exams will test students' understanding of oceanographic concepts and facts. Exams will be multiple choice, True/False, and fill-in-the-blank questions. The only things allowed on your desk will be a No 2 pencil, and your RamID; we will provide the rest. All electronic devices, books, notes, etc. must remain out of sight while you take the exam (more details under IX Academic integrity).

b. Final exam: 90 points

The final is cumulative and cannot be dropped. Everyone must take the final. Failure to take the final exam will affect your semester grade; your overall grade will drop by one letter grade. Emphasis will be on the new material covered since the third midterm exam.

c. Homework: 210 points

There are 23 days when we offer homework. Homework days are marked ^{HW} on the course schedule. Students will be graded based on 21 homework assignments, 10 points each. If students choose to do all 23 homework assignments, points over 210 will count towards extra credit.

The assignments will be done online on Canvas. Students have two attempts to do the homework and are not timed. Homework assignments are always due Sundays at 11:59 PM of the week the homework was assigned. If there are 2 homework assignments per week, both assignments are due Sundays at 11:59 PM. Late homework will be accepted only if arrangements with the instructor or the TA were made beforehand.

Canvas keeps track of each attempt the student makes to do the homework and records the attempt when the assignment is opened. ‘No computer’ or ‘no internet connection’ problems are not valid excuses for late assignments. Do not wait until the last minute.

d. Participation: 60 points

There will be 25 lectures, in which you can earn participation points. Participation days are marked with an “ i ” in the course schedule [see section XI]. You can earn 2.8 points per session (60 points total). YOU HAVE TO ANSWER ALL BUT ONE QUESTION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE 2.8 POINTS FOR THE DAY. Any points earned over 60 points will count towards extra credit.

Participation points can be earned:

- Participation via iClicker in class (most days) --- details follow below.
- Questions on Canvas. You have to be in class to receive the password for access.
- Questions will be turned in on a piece of paper right at the end of class.

Participation via iClicker in class

iClicker technology allows for the engagement of all students, allows for increased course-related communication between students, and facilitates the feedback loop between students and instructor. Summaries of student responses will be shown in real time to both instructor and students.

The iclicker questions will provide mini breaks in class, during which you can discuss the answers with your neighbors. There will be no penalty for answering a question incorrectly. You should not feel quizzed. You are providing feedback to your instructor.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your iClicker is registered [follow the link on our Canvas site] and working properly. [Accommodations will be made for excused absences only [see IX Attendance Policy] On some days I will asked more than four questions (for example, on review days), but I will cap at 2.8 points maximum per session].

iClicker points will be posted at least once a week. It is the student’s responsibility to check if no points were received. If no points were received, it was likely because:

- The iClicker was not registered properly. [see VIII of syllabus]
- The student did not participate.
- The iClicker malfunctioned, most often because the batteries gave out. Have a set of spare batteries in your backpack.

Makeup points CANNOT BE GIVEN unless the student sees us immediately after class; it is the student’s responsibility to make sure they have a functioning iClicker. See “ IX Attendance Policy ” for exceptions.

If your iClicker has been malfunctioning during class, see us IMMEDIATELY at the end of the class. Turn in the answers on a sheet of paper with the date, your name, student ID, and reason for not having used your iClicker. We will give points for three class sessions maximum for entire semester. **It is considered cheating if you give your iClicker to a classmate to click for you when you are absent. Penalty: You and your classmate will lose the entire 10% plus the extra credit earned in the course (up to 10% extra credit).**

iClicker registration

It is your responsibility to register your iClicker and make sure it is working properly. You can register your iClicker by following the iClicker link on the Canvas course site. For any questions relating to iClickers, please contact us promptly. We will practice using the iClicker in week 1. Starting Week 2, iClicker points will count towards your final grade. Follow the link on our Canvas site to the iClicker registration site.

e. In-class Projects: 60 points

Reflection questions are part of the in-class projects. Reflections questions are designed for students to analyze concepts, evaluate experiences, and form opinions. Other in-class projects can be in form of quizzes and worksheets, given throughout the semester, usually unannounced. In-class projects are designed as additional learning tools.

f. Extra credit opportunities: 60 points

You can earn up to a total of 60 extra credit (EC) points in extra credit.

Any point above 60 points in the participation category (section VII d) will count as EC points. You can earn 10 EC points.

For any points above 210 in the homework category will count towards extra credit. You can earn 20 extra credit points.

30 EC points can be earned by taking pop quizzes, brief writing assignments, feedbacks, etc. You have to be in class to learn about extra credit opportunities. Refer to "Attendance Policy" (section IX c) for make-up policy for missed extra credit opportunities.

Course Policies

Late Work Policy

There are no make-ups for in-class writing, homework, quizzes, midterms, or the final exam, unless students have an excused absence or have made arrangement with the instructors beforehand.

Grades of "Incomplete"

Per university policy, an instructor may assign temporary grade of Incomplete to a student who demonstrates that he or she could not complete the requirements of the course due to circumstances beyond the student's control and not reasonably foreseeable. A student must be passing a course at the time that an Incomplete is requested unless the instructor determines that there are extenuating circumstances to assign an Incomplete to a student who is not passing the course. When an instructor assigns an Incomplete, he or she shall specify in writing using the Department Incomplete Grade Form the requirements the student shall fulfill to complete the course as well as the reasons for granting an Incomplete when the student is not passing the course. The instructor shall retain a copy of this statement in his or her grade records and provide copies to the student and the department head or his or her designee. (Section I.6 of the *Academic Faculty and Administrative Professional Manual*)

Disability Access

Colorado State University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who need accommodations must first contact Resources for Disabled Students before requesting accommodations from the professor. Resources for Disabled Students (RDS; <http://rds.colostate.edu/home>) is located in room 100 of the General Services Building. Their phone is (970) 491-6385 (V/TDD). Students who need accommodations in this course must contact the professor at the beginning of the semester to discuss needed accommodations.

Attendance Policy

Instructors and departments are responsible for establishing attendance policies for classes and examinations. These policies must accommodate student participation in University-sanctioned extracurricular/co-curricular activities. Students must inform their instructors prior to the anticipated absence and take the initiative to make up missed work in a timely fashion. Instructors must make reasonable efforts to enable students to make up work which must be accomplished under the instructor's supervision (e.g., examinations, laboratories). In the event of a conflict in regard to this policy, individuals may appeal using established University procedures.

For the purposes of this regulation, University-sanctioned activities include competitions, events and professional meetings in which students are officially representing the institution. Appropriate sanctioned activities include:

- a. Intercollegiate athletics;*
- b. Collegiate club sports and competitions;*
- c. Conferences and workshops recognized by the University not related to academics;*
- d. Commitments on behalf of the University [ASCSU, band, etc.]; and*
- e. Professional activities recognized by the University related to academics.*

Department heads or their designated representatives must approve sanctioned professional and departmental activities. Other sanctioned activities must be approved by the appropriate program director on record with the Division of Student Affairs offices or the Department of Athletics.

Religious Accommodation

Participation in official University activities, e.g., an out-of-town athletic event, or special religious observances may provide a legitimate reason for an excused absence. The student is responsible for discussing this with the instructor at the beginning of the semester.

Final Exam Policy

Final examination week is part of the regular semester. Student attendance shall be consistent with University policy.

If a student has three or more final examinations (not classes) scheduled for the same day or if conflicts of examination times occur, the student may negotiate a time change with the instructors involved. If the parties involved cannot find a mutually agreeable time, the Registrar's Office indicates which courses must be changed. **Note:** The Registrar's Office must be notified at least one week prior to Final Examination Week to allow instructors time to make appropriate accommodations. It is the student's responsibility to initiate negotiations.

Any student who has a conflict with the examination schedule must inform the instructor as soon as possible before the examination. If an agreement cannot be reached between the instructor and student as to the appropriateness of a make-up examination the student should appeal to the department head.

<http://www.registrar.colostate.edu/final-exams>

Professionalism Policy

Per university policy and classroom etiquette; mobile phones, iPods, *etc.* **must be silenced** during all classroom lectures. Those not heeding this rule will be asked to leave the classroom immediately so as to not disrupt the learning environment. Please arrive on time for all class meetings. Out of respect for your peers and your teaching team, please keep the noise level down. Students who disturb the class by talking may be asked to leave the class room. Students who habitually disturb the class by talking, arriving late, *etc.*, and have been warned may suffer a reduction in their final class grade.

Throughout the semester we will send you emails. These emails will only be sent to your official CSU email address (_____@rams.colostate.edu). Make sure to check your CSU email account regularly or have your CSU email forwarded to your regular email address.

- In your emails, please always include in the subject line:
 - Course number
 - Your full name

- Subject, e.g. Subject: “NR150 - Frank Jones – iClicker points missing for 10/10” (even if it a response to one of our mass emails to the entire class)
- In your email body, please include your full name and CID

Do NOT contact your TAs via texting or social media. Appropriate channels of communication include email, Canvas messages, visiting office hours, and asking TAs questions during class time. Non-class related emails or Canvas messages [as well as any contact via texting or social media] will be reported directly to Dr. Quillmann. Failure to abide by this policy will result in disciplinary action including a meeting with the instructor. On a case by case basis, student may also be reported to the University for violation of the Student Conduct Code.

Academic Integrity

The Department of Forest and Rangeland Stewardship takes academic integrity seriously. At minimum, academic integrity means that no one will use another's work as their own. The CSU writing center defines plagiarism this way:

Plagiarism is the unauthorized or unacknowledged use of another person's academic or scholarly work. Done on purpose, it is cheating. Done accidentally, it is no less serious.

Regardless of how it occurs, plagiarism is a theft of intellectual property and a violation of an ironclad rule demanding "credit be given where credit is due."

Source: (Writing Guides: Understanding Plagiarism.

<http://writing.colostate.edu/guides/guide.cfm?guideid=17>)

If you plagiarize in your work you could lose credit for the plagiarized work, fail the assignment, or fail the course. Each instance of plagiarism, classroom cheating, and other types of academic dishonesty will be addressed according to the principles published in the CSU General Catalog (under “Academic Integrity/Misconduct: <http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/policies/students-responsibilities/> .)

Of course, academic integrity means more than just avoiding plagiarism. It also involves doing your own reading and studying. It includes regular class attendance, careful consideration of all class materials, and engagement with the class and your fellow students. Academic integrity lies at the core of our common goal: to create an intellectually honest and rigorous community. Because academic integrity, and the personal and social integrity of which academic integrity is an integral part, is so central to our mission as students, teachers, scholars, and citizens, we will ask to you sign the CSU Honor Pledge as part of completing all of our major assignments. While you will not be required to sign the honor pledge, we will ask each of you to write and sign the following statement on your papers and exams:

"I have not given, received, or used any unauthorized assistance."

Title IX Information

CSU’s Student Sexual Harassment and Violence policy, following national guidance from the Office of Civil Rights, requires that faculty follow CSU policy as a “mandatory reporter” of any personal disclosure of sexual harassment, abuse, and/or violence related experiences or incidents shared with the faculty member in person, via email, and/or in classroom papers or homework exercises. These disclosures include but are not limited to reports of personal relational abuse, relational/domestic violence, and stalking. While faculty are often able to help students locate appropriate channels of assistance on campus (e.g., see the CSU Health Network link below), disclosure by the student to the faculty member requires that the faculty member inform appropriate CSU channels to help ensure

that the student's safety and welfare is being addressed, even if the student requests that the disclosure not be shared.

For counseling support and assistance, please see the CSU Health Network, which includes a variety of counseling services that can be accessed at: <http://www.health.colostate.edu/>. And, the Sexual Assault Victim Assistance Team is a confidential resource for students that does not have a reporting requirement and that can be of great help to students who have experienced sexual assault. The web address is <http://www.wgac.colostate.edu/need-help-support>.

Source: <http://oeo.colostate.edu/title-ix-sexual-assault>

Non-Discrimination Statement

Colorado State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, creed, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, gender, disability, veteran status, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or pregnancy. The University complies with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, related Executive Orders 11246 and 11375, Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 402 of the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, The Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and all civil rights laws of the State of Colorado.

Accordingly, equal opportunity of employment and admission shall be extended to all persons. The University shall promote equal opportunity and treatment in employment through a positive and continuing affirmative action program for ethnic minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and veterans. The Office of Equal Opportunity is located in 101 Student Services. Source:

<http://oeo.colostate.edu/non-discrimination-statement>

How to succeed in class:

We want you to succeed in our class. But you have to do your part as well.

- Take advantage of the extra credit opportunities.
- We will offer short workshops (optional) throughout the semester: These workshops are not mandatory.

Watch for announcements of dates and times for these workshops on Canvas. Topics of workshops we have planned are:

- How to succeed in class
- General study tips
- Problems registering your iClicker
- Suggestions for studying and preparing for exams
- How to submit homework assignments online
- How to prepare your sheet of notes for the final

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to see additional workshops or have suggestions on how to improve the class. We like to hear from you and we are here to help you.

More tips for success:

- Read the chapter material before coming to the lecture. If you read the material first, it will "sink in" faster during the lecture.
- PDFs of the lectures will be available online before the lecture. Print out and bring to class to make note taking easier.

- Come to class and don't get behind.
- Start the homework early. Give yourself time to understand the homework questions. You can earn a perfect score on the homework assignments by putting in time and effort.
- Don't try the homework until you finish the reading and/or we covered the material in class.
- Work together. Scientists often work in groups. You need to do your own thinking, but discussion with your peers is a great way to sort out your thoughts.
- Don't ever give up!!!! If you feel you are in trouble, ask for help immediately. Don't wait until it's too late.

Staying up to date with class matters and for additional information:

- Canvas (attend the optional workshops offered by us)
- We invite you to come to our office hours.
- Optional: Facebook ("like" and follow us on <http://www.facebook.com/ColoOcean>)
- Email correspondence:
- Please feel free to email Ursula anytime
- For iclicker questions, excused absences, grade-related questions, please email Bob
- For homework questions or to get help with class material, please email Bob or Jenny.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US VIA EMAIL

OR

VISIT US DURING OUR OFFICE HOURS IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

WE WISH YOU AN ENJOYABLE AND SUCCESSFUL SEMESTER.