

**Intro to Ecosystem and Watershed Sciences**  
**ESS 120 ~ Fall 2020**

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**Schedule**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4:45 pm Lory Student Center Ballrooms C & D  
 The course will meet for 5 weeks: August 26 – September 24.  
 This is a face-to-face course. On most Thursdays we will meet in the classroom first, then go outside.

**Course Objectives:** Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Describe the fields of Ecosystem Science and Sustainability (ESS) and Watershed Science (WR).
- Recognize the specific program learning objectives of each B.S program at CSU.
- Identify a variety of careers and professional pathways in Ecosystem Science and Sustainability and Watershed Science.
- Begin to distinguish career pathways most suited to their strengths and interests.
- Devise individualized plans to take advantage of CSU faculty, coursework, experiential learning opportunities, and career services to thrive as ESS and WR majors and beyond.

**Schedule of Topics** (tentative...check Canvas for updates)

	Date	Theme	Assignment
Week 1	26-Aug	Welcome: get to know you, get to know us	
	28-Aug	What are Ecosystem, Watershed, and Sustainability Sciences?	
Week 2	1-Sep	Your chosen major	#1
	3-Sep	Tips for learning: time management	
Week 3	8-Sep	Making the most of CSU: seize your education!	#2
	10-Sep		
Week 4	15-Sep	Thinking beyond CSU: careers	#3
	17-Sep		
Week 5	22-Sep	Sustainability in the world	#4
	24-Sep	Wrap up and time capsule	#5

**Assignments and Grading**

- Assignments will be submitted via Canvas, and due by class (3:30) on date indicated.
- Course will use traditional letter grading, based on five equally weighted assignments.
- Grades will be based on completeness, timeliness, and depth of thought. Late assignments will be deducted one point per day.
- Class assignments will often ask for your personal reflections. We encourage you to write openly and honestly. We (your instructors and TA) can assure you that we will keep your writings confidential. One exception: if we believe that someone is at risk of harming themselves or others, we are obliged to tell the appropriate university services.

- There are no exams.

### **Textbook and course materials**

No textbook. All readings will be provided via Canvas.

### **In-Class Participation and Classroom Etiquette**

Class attendance is expected. Please be respectful of the learning environment and your fellow students. The following activities will not be permitted during class time: using laptops for reasons other than taking notes, text-messaging, reading the newspaper, using cell phones, etc.

Each week we will do some outdoor activities in small groups. **You are required to maintain your face covering and to keep 6-feet of distance from your teacher and classmates during all course activities.**

### **Important COVID information for Students**

**All students should fill out a student-specific symptom checker each day before coming to class**

(<https://covidrecovery.colostate.edu/daily-symptom-checker/>). In addition, please utilize the symptom checker to report symptoms, if you have a positive test, or exposed to a known COVID contact. If you know or believe you have been exposed or are symptomatic, it is important for the health of yourself and others that you report it through this checker. You will not be in trouble or penalized in any way for reporting. If you report symptoms or a positive test, you will receive immediate instructions on what to do and CSU's Public Health Office will be notified. Once notified, that office will contact you and most likely conduct contact tracing, initiate any necessary public health requirements and/or recommendations and notify you if you need to take any steps. For the latest information about the University's response, please visit the CSU COVID-19 site (<https://covidrecovery.colostate.edu>). **Please also inform an instructor if you cannot come to class because you are sick or quarantined.**

### **Missed Lectures**

If you miss class, notes must be obtained from another student rather than from the instructor or teaching assistant.

### **Excused Absences**

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.

### **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 Student Disability Center (<https://disabilitycenter.colostate.edu/>) before requesting accommodations from the professor.

### **Academic Integrity**

The Department of Ecosystem Science and Sustainability 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: <https://writing.colostate.edu/guides/guide.cfm?> (Accessed, Aug 21, 2018)

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 (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/policies/students-responsibilities/#academic-integrity>)