

A. Course Outline

This course is designed to be the equivalent of a one-semester, introductory college course in environmental science. The goal of the AP Environmental course is to provide students with the scientific principles, concepts, and methodologies required to understand the interrelationships of the natural world, to identify and analyze environmental problems both natural and human-made, to evaluate the relative risks associated with these problems, and to examine alternative solutions for resolving and/or preventing them. Environmental Science is interdisciplinary; it embraces a wide variety of topics from different areas of study. Labs and field investigations are an important part of the course work.

B. Materials

1. Pen and Pencil (#2)
2. Notebook with lined and unlined paper
3. Lab fee \$10 (paid at registration)
4. Calculator

C. Homework (Recommended minimum of 30 minutes per day)

1. Read assigned pages before class discussion or review. Take notes on reading sections. Notes may include vocabulary, important ideas, or questions about the subject.
2. Study previous days' notes and laboratory investigations in preparation for quizzes and tests.
3. Complete any assignments given as homework or unfinished class assignments.

D. Classroom Policies

1. Be where you are supposed to be and do what you are supposed to do when you are supposed to do it.
2. Respect the rights and property of all individuals in the class.
3. Follow the school policies.
 - a. No electronic communication devices are to be used in class. **If they are used or heard, you will lose your participation points for the day. On the second offense, the device will be confiscated.**
 - b. Do not use calculator games in class or **your calculator's memory will be cleared.** Leave your toys, cards, and games at home.
 - c. No food or drink in class, unless you are providing for all in the class.
 - d. Follow the dress and grooming standards of the school.
5. Follow proper lab safety procedures. The basic lab safety procedures are posted in the room. Students who are unwilling to follow safety procedures will not be permitted to do lab assignments. There will be no make-up work given.
6. Integrity in your school work is very important. Any students cheating/copying will receive a zero on the assignment/test

E. Grading

All assignments, labs, and tests will be graded and returned within a one week period of time.

1. Assignments and Participation (40% of the grade)
You can expect that each class period you will be responsible for assignments, notes, and labs. **Late work receives 1/2 credit.**

Participation:

All students will be expected to engage in all classroom discussions and activities. Participation points will be given for responsible student behavior and, of course, classroom participation. Ten points will be available each day. At the teacher's discretion, points may be withheld for classroom disturbances, inattention, violation of rules, inappropriate behavior, or any lack of participation.

2. Tests and quizzes (60% of the grade)

At the first of each class period you will be required to take a quiz and/or turn in homework. **If you are tardy you will not be allowed to take the quiz.** The quizzes will cover material of the previous periods, assigned reading from the text, and labs completed. At the end of each unit you will take a test. The final term you will not only take a term final, but you will be required to take the AP Test,

UVSC Concurrent Enrollment test, the class final, or a combination of the tests. The tests will include information from the class notes, reading assignments, labs, and other class activities. Most of the questions will be multiple choice and essay, with some lab based questions. All make-up tests, for students with excused absences, will be given by appointment with Mr. Louder.

3. You may earn up to 50 points, per term, for attending or participating in extra-curricular events. This is the only extra credit available.
4. Letter grades upon the following percentages:

90% = A	80% = B	70% = C
87% = A-	77% = B-	67% = C-
84% = B+	74% = C+	Below 67% = F
5. You will be given midterm reports and final grades. You are welcome to come in to discuss your status in the class and receive any review help before or after school.

F. Attendance and Citizenship

ATTENDANCE

The Timpanogos High School attendance policy will be followed in this class. Please refer to your student handbook for the full attendance policy document.

CITIZENSHIP

Citizenship grades are as follows:

S = Satisfactory citizenship

No unexcused absences, No more than 3 tardies, No discipline problems, Willing worker

U = Unsatisfactory citizenship

More than 4 tardies, or 1 unexcused absence, or

Not following proper lab safety procedures, or

Vulgar language, obscene remarks, or

Willful disobedience to school and class policies and procedures after given a warning, or

Cheating