

SOCI 207¹ Ecology, Society, and Global Change



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Course Description

What are the consequences of how we relate to the rest of the natural world? How might we begin to repair the rift between contemporary society and the environment while addressing social inequalities?

This course introduces students to an array of concepts, theories and case studies that reveal the complex interplay between power and the environment, including the unequal distribution of ecological harms and benefits across race, class, gender, and immigration status. We will also investigate social movements seeking to realize justice and sustainability at a local and global scale.

Topics May Include

Climate crisis; Capitalism and corporate power; Green Jobs; Ecofascism; Mining; Forestry; Fisheries; Food system; Environmental justice; Indigenous sovereignty.

Instructor

¹ This outline is only intended to give students a general sense of the course, and course details may change. Detailed course syllabi will be made available for all registered students on the first day of class. Only those syllabi are considered official.

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Format

Unless the University of Victoria specifies otherwise, this class will be offered in person on **Mondays and Thursdays from 11:30am-12:45pm**. Classes will include a combination of lectures and guest lectures, multimedia, and participatory activities (e.g. group discussions, role playing, and games).

Course Objectives

The objectives are to: (1) gain an in-depth understanding of challenges we face in a changing ecological context; (2) understand how ecological harms and benefits are distributed unequally; (3) become familiar with concepts and theories sociologists have developed to make sense of the relationship between humans and the rest of the natural world; (4) critically analyze various proposed solutions to environmental crises.

Course Pre/Co-requisites

SOCI 207 is recommended prior to SOCI 316, SOCI 318, SOCI 321, SOCI 326, SOCI 355, SOCI 388, and SOCI 437.

Required Textbook/Readings

There is no textbook required for this course. All required readings will be uploaded on Brightspace. A list of all required readings will be included in the detailed course syllabus.