

Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts (Social Science)
Faculty/Institute/College Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSO 367 **Course Title** Environmental Issues in Social Context
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (**Lecture / Lab**) (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** None
5. **Type of Course** Major elective of International Studies Concentration
6. **Trimester / Academic Year** TBA

7. Course Description

An historical review of the human impact on the environment. Major contemporary environmental issues. Economic development, state policies and business practices in relationship to the environment. Environmentalism as a social and political movement. Relations with business and government : tensions, and the possibilities of conflict and cooperation.

8. Course Objective (s)

- 1) To introduce the issues involved in environmentalism.
- 2) To demonstrate the impact environmental degradation has on society.

9. Course Outline

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture	Hour	
1	Introduction; nature and science	4	TBA
2	Understanding Ecosystems : Forests, A Natural Legacy	4	
3	A Polluted Planet : The Decline of Forests	4	
4	Scientific Uncertainty and Disputes over Dangerous Levels	4	
5	Political and Economic Incentives for Environmental Destruction : Prospects for Sustainability	4	
6	Occupational and Environmental Health : From Radon Gas to Free Trade	4	
7	Pollution Regulation and Prevention : Moving Toward Zero Discharge	4	
8	Corporate Responsibilities and Consumer Pressures	4	
9	The Bhopal disaster and its aftermath	4	
10	The politics of environmentalism	4	
11	Getting Involved : A Role for the Listener	4	
	Total	44	

10. Teaching Method (s)

Lecture and discussion.

11. Teaching Media

Texts, transparencies, videos.

12. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement

The standard scale of 90 - 100 = A, 85 - 89 = B+, 80 - 84 = B, etc. 60 is required to pass.

13. Course evaluation

Grading will be based on two in - class exams (45% each) and contribution to discussion 10%.

14. Reference (s)

Brower, Michael, and Warren Leon. *The Consumer's Guide to Effective Environmental Choices : Practical Advice from the Union of Concerned Scientists*. New York : Three Rivers Press, 1999.

15. Instructor (s)

TBA

16. Course Coordinator

Eugene Jones