Dear BioSci 130 Students,

Welcome to Contemporary Issues in Environmental Biology, section 12541. This letter will provide you with important information regarding the course.

The required text for the class is: Environmental Science by G. Tyler Miller and Scott Spoolman, 2013 14th ed., ISBN 9781111988937

In this course we will explore several current environmental issues resulting from the degradation of natural resources and services that support life and economies. Following analysis of the problems, scientific progress in achieving sustainable solutions will be evaluated for effectiveness and efficiency.

This class is an online class

3 midterms and 1 final will be given online.

Our semester-length class begins August 25th and ends December 13th, 2013. The first day on which you can access the class via Blackboard is August 25th. To confirm your place in the class, you should log in to the website below and begin participating no later than Tuesday, August 26th at 11:59 p.m.

https://bb9.canyons.edu/webapps/login/

If you do not access the class website and begin participating by August 26th at 11:59 p.m., then you will be dropped from the class as a no-show.

Please plan to visit the course’s website nearly every other day. This is a 3 unit class that meets 3 hours/week in a face to face class. Therefore, please plan to spend at least 6 hours per week on the readings and assignments for this class.

Technology requirements for the course are basic. You must have an email address, regular access to the Internet, a web browser, and a word-processing program such as Microsoft Word.
Useful Links:

Distance Learning home page:  
http://www.canyons.edu/Offices/DistanceLearning/Pages/default.aspx

Blackboard Support  
http://www.canyons.edu/Offices/DistanceLearning/Pages/Blackboard.aspx

More information about the course will be detailed in the class syllabus, which you’ll find at the Blackboard course website.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the course, don’t hesitate to contact me. I look forward to our semester together.

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