Dear BioSci 130 Students,

Welcome to **Environmental Biology - section #28777**. 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, 15th ed., Thomson Learning Inc, Belmont, CA.
ISBN: 978-1305090446

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**

**There will be 3 midterms, 1 final, 1 research paper and weekly discussions.**

Our semester-length class begins August 21st and ends December 7th, 2017. **The first day on which you can access the class via Canvas is August 21st. To confirm your place in the class, you should log in to the website below and begin participating no later than August 22nd, 11:59 p.m. If you do not access the class website and begin participating by August 22nd, 11:59 p.m., then you will be dropped from the class as a no-show.**

**Learning Management System Information:** This course utilizes a Learning Management System called Canvas to complete our course requirements including discussions, grades, and other course activities. Please log into Canvas by visiting [http://cv.canyons.edu](http://cv.canyons.edu) on the first scheduled date of our course. Login information and helpful guides are provided on the website.

All exams need to be taken in the TLC and must be taken within a 72 hour window. You will have 2 hours to complete the midterms and 3 hours to complete the final. You need to contact the TLC 48 hours ahead of time to make an appointment and bring your photo ID.


**Please note that there will be no make-up exams for this course.**

If there is a death, hospitalization or some other life-threatening officially documented occurrence, a series of essays MAY be assigned to substitute for the absence. This assignment MAY be substantially more rigorous than the scheduled exam.

Please plan to visit the course’s website nearly every other day. This is a 3 unit class that is equivalent to a 3 unit face to face class that meets for 3 hours per week with 3 hours of homework expected each week. Therefore, please plan to spend at least **6 hours a 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.

**The dates for the exams are as follows:**

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The following is a list of sites that may help you with your online class experience.

- Canvas Student Guide
  [https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-4121](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-4121)
- Distance Learning home page:
  [http://www.canyons.edu/Offices/DistanceLearning/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.canyons.edu/Offices/DistanceLearning/Pages/default.aspx)
- Counseling 070 information:
  [http://www.canyons.edu/Offices/Counseling/Pages/Courses.aspx](http://www.canyons.edu/Offices/Counseling/Pages/Courses.aspx)

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

Jeannie Chari,
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