

COURSE TITLE: IB Environmental Systems and Societies (Formerly AP Environmental Science)

Level of Difficulty	Estimated Homework	Prerequisites
Difficult	30-60 minutes	District: A or better in CP Biology or B- or better in Honors Biology B or better in Chemistry (any level) Department Suggestion: A or better in CP Biology or B- or better in Honors Biology B or better in Chemistry (any level)

Course Description:

Who should take this course?

Any student who is looking for another option to fulfil IB diploma requirements **AND/OR** any student who is interested in taking the AP Environmental Science Test in May. This class will prepare students for success on either exam.

The purpose of this course is to give students an introduction to a variety of issues that emphasize the interrelationships between the environmental systems of the world and society. The intent is that students will gain enough background information to analyze causes and effects of issues as well as form their own opinions and ideas about the current state of our environment and the future. The instruction will focus on scientific concepts as well as the ethical and socio-political aspects of Environmental Systems and Societies.

Grading:

A weighted grading scale will be used with exams and labs being weighted more heavily.

Syllabus:

See Canvas

Supplemental Information:

Homework:

-There will be nightly homework assignments (usually access videos and articles online that pertain to important case studies or current events) **approximately 30-45 minutes per class.**

-There will also be chapter study guides for each unit due the day of the test with between one and two chapters per unit. These study guides should take an additional **2-4 hours per unit.**

-Multiple units also have projects/reports that will require varying amounts of time depending on the project requirements.