

**Section 308. Wednesdays 11:00–11:50, Humanities 2121.**

**Section 309. Wednesdays 12:05–12:55, Humanities 2624.**

**Section 315. Fridays 9:55–10:45, Humanities 2131.**

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**Office Hours** Open office hours are held from 4:00 – 5:00 on **Mondays** in **Science Hall 412**, and from 1:00 – 2:00 on **Wednesdays** in **Humanities 4269**. If you can't make these times, we can schedule an appointment. Visiting office hours is a great way to extend what you're learning in section, follow up on topics that interest you, and address issues before they become problems.

**Contacting Me** Email is the best way to get in touch, but I don't have a smartphone and so maintain an old-fashioned schedule of checking email only a few times a day. Avoid emailing me at the last minute when you need an urgent response. If you *do* have a pressing issue, call me—although please don't do so between 10:00 p.m and 8:00 a.m., unless the issue is a Bigfoot sighting.

### What I Expect From You

I expect, above all else, that you'll take the privilege of being a student at UW–Madison seriously and *genuinely care* about this class—both the course material and your fellow students. If you care about the class, then everything else will follow.

### What You Can Expect From Me

You can expect me to “play on your team” for the semester, helping each of you individually and all of us collectively to think about the questions of environmental history, grow intellectually, and enjoy ourselves while doing so. You can expect me to work as hard as I possibly can to ensure that we all cross the finish line together. Finally, you can expect me to do everything in my power to make sure that you never feel lost, left behind, or uncomfortable in this class.

### Attendance

When you don't come to class, you miss out on important discussions, and, worse, *we* miss out on hearing your interesting ideas! One or two absences are OK if you've spoken to me ahead of time and explained the reason. If you show a pattern of neglecting class, however, your section participation grade will begin to suffer.

### Grading

Before each assignment, we'll discuss in detail what kind of quality we expect from you in your assignments. If you feel like you underperformed on an assignment, talk to me and we'll work together to make sure you understand how to do better on the next one.

### Academic Honesty

We take academic honesty very seriously. If you have *any* questions about what counts as plagiarism, see the links on the main course syllabus or talk to me. It is *far* better to turn in no paper at all than to turn in one which has been plagiarized.

### A Final Thought

Environmental history is an exciting field with a lot left to discover, and, as a student in one of the best environmental history courses in the country, *you* are part of that discovery process! What that means is that, as a discussion section, we're adventuring *together* and tackling issues that connect humans and the environment as well in the past, present, and future. That's a pretty exciting mission, and I hope you'll consider this syllabus an invitation to join along.