

ENVS 690 Senior Seminar,
Spring 2016. Professor Carlos Davidson

ENVS 690 SENIOR SEMINAR IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

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Classroom and Time: Wednesday 3:35pm-6:20, Hensil Hall 201

Final Exam: There is no final exam in this course, but class will meet on Wednesday May 18th 3:35-6:20pm.

Course Description: The catalog description is: Integration and application of major concentration in ENVS. Trends in ENVS. Group projects working with the community to assist in problem solving or activism; job evaluation.

This section of the course will three main themes, pursuing an environmental career, environmental organizing skills, and third the connection between capitalism and environmental sustainability. A guiding theme of the course is synthesis of studies to date, and preparation for entering the world of environmentalism beyond the university.

Course Objectives:

- Encourage students to critically assess and debate environmental issues.
- Improve student leadership skills
- Develop student's resume, job search, and other career skills
- Help students critically assess real world actions and policies to address environmental problems

Readings: Course readings consist of one book available at the bookstore: Naomi Klein. 2014. This Changes Everything: Capitalism and the Climate, plus articles available on iLearn

Attendance Policy: Attendance in class is required. A large part of your participation grade is attendance – coming to class, and coming on time. Participation is part of the course grade and you can't participate if you don't attend. Furthermore substantial class time will be devoted to activities that cannot be "made up" if they are missed. Students who miss more than 5 classes receive a zero for participation.

Homework assignments: All homework assignments are due at the start of class on the due date. Email submission of assignments will not be accepted. All written assignments must be typed. Late assignments are down graded half a grade for each class period (or fraction thereof) late, with a maximum of half the points deducted for being late. There are several exceptions to the late assignments policy: Klein and Allen reading questions may not be handed in late for credit, and due to the difficulty of scheduling if you miss your public narrative presentation or mock interview day it cannot be rescheduled or made up. **The final date for handing in class assignments is Wednesday May 18th 3:35pm.**

Electronics policy: No use of electronic gadgets (phones, laptops, ipods, etc) in class. If you need to use a laptop for note taking please talk to me first.

Schedule

Date	Week	Part	Class Topic	Assignments Due
27-Jan	1	1	Introduction. (explain pub nar _ grad app)	
27-Jan	1	2	Davidson Capitalism and the Environment	
3-Feb	2	1	Resumes; Discuss Klein Introduction	Public Narrative draft. Resume readings. RQ
3-Feb	2	2	Leadership development	Allen Ch 1-3, Questions Ch 2,3. Wellstone reading
10-Feb	3	1	Discuss Klein Ch1	Grad application, RQ
10-Feb	3	2	Public Narrative present	
17-Feb	4	1	Career center speaker Mariko Hingston	1st version resume
17-Feb	4	2	Discuss Klein Ch2	Pollin reading, RQ
24-Feb	5	1	Individual meetings on resumes	Portfolio: best written work.
24-Feb	5	2	Individual meetings on resumes	
2-Mar	6	1	Discuss Klein Ch3	1st draft cover letter, RQ
2-Mar	6	2	Public Narrative present	
9-Mar	7	1	Leadership development part 2	Allen Ch 4-12, Questions 4-12
9-Mar	7	2	Discuss Klein Ch 4	RQ
16-Mar	8	1	cover letter meetings	Portfolio: best quantitative work.
16-Mar	8	2	cover letter meetings; Discuss Klein Ch 9	RQ
Spring Break, March 21-25				
30-Mar	9	1	cover letter meetings;	Informational interview progress report
30-Mar	9	2	Career Night	
6-Apr	10	1	cover letter meetings; Discuss Klein Ch 10	RQ
6-Apr	10	2	Graduate schools	Linkedin assignment
13-Apr	11	1	Public Narrative present; Klein Ch 11	Revised resume, RQ. Uechi reading
13-Apr	11	2	Organizing strategy	Bobo Organizing strategy reading
20-Apr	12	1	Leadership development part 3	Allen Ch 13-21, Questions 13-21
20-Apr	12	2	interview tips; Klein Ch 12	RQ, interviewing readings, Davidson&Kaufman reading
27-Apr	13	1	Public Narrative present	
27-Apr	13	2	Mock interviews	
4-May	14	1	Mock interviews	Informational interview report
4-May	14	2	Mock interviews, Public Narratives	
11-May	15	1	Mock interviews, Public Narratives	
11-May	15	2	Discuss Klein conclusion.	RQ
18-May	finals		Meet 3:35-6:20 Course conclusion	Last time to hand in HW 3:35pm
				NOTE: For Klein readings see topic column

Grading: Grades are based on the following points:

Assignment	Points	Assignment	Points
graduation application	30	linkedIn webpage	50
resume, first draft	50	public narrative draft	50
revised resume	50	public narrative presentation	50
cover letter	50	seminar discussants	50
interview workshop	50	Informational interview progress rpt	20
best written paper	30	Informational interview report	100
best quantitative work	30	Klein readings questions (10)	150
Allen questions ch 2-3	30	participation	150
Allen questions ch 4-12	30		
Allen questions ch 13-21	30	Total	1000

Final course grades are based on total points, with 100-90% A, 89-80% B, and 79-70% C. The percentage cutoffs may be adjusted or “curved” downward but they will not be moved upwards.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is using someone else’s work and not giving credit. Plagiarism can consist of either borrowing ideas or borrowing wording or both. If you take a sentence from a source and use it in a paper without quotation marks that is plagiarism. Depending on the seriousness of the case, plagiarism will result in failing an assignment. Please don’t plagiarize.

CHSS Withdrawal Policy: The last day to drop a class is February 9, 2016 until 11:59pm. Starting February 10 – April 26, 2016, you must submit a paper withdrawal petition. Withdrawal from a class starting February 10, 2016 will be considered for *serious and compelling* reasons only and **must have accompanying documentation**. The following reasons are **not** considered *serious and compelling*: Changing your major, poor performance, class not required for graduation/major, not attending class or more time needed for other classes. If you wish to withdraw from class due to unexpected changes in your work schedule, illness or family emergencies, **documentation will be required**, along with a copy of unofficial transcripts. Submit your petition **within a reasonable timeframe (e.g., within 2 weeks of a change in work hours.)** From April 27 – May 17, 2016, you may not withdraw from a class or the University, except only in the case of a **serious** documented illness or verified accident.

Withdrawals **cannot** be initiated electronically and must be submitted using a paper application. All electronic submissions of withdrawals will be denied automatically by the associate dean. **You are only allowed to withdrawal from a maximum of 18 units and take a class no more than 2 times at SF State.** Approval from the instructor and/or chair does not constitute automatic approval from the associate dean so continue attending class until a decision is made. Please refer to the following website for further information on withdrawal policies: <http://chss.sfsu.edu/src>

CR/NC Option: The last day to request CR/NC option is March 20, 2016 until 11:59pm. The Associate Dean will not approve requests for changes if you miss this deadline.

Late Add Policy: The period to add classes via permission numbers is January 27 – February 9, 2016. The period to add classes by Exception is February 10 – February 23, 2016. It is your responsibility to procure a late permission number from your instructor and add the class. Faculty cannot add you into a class. Starting February 24, 2016, a Waiver of College Regulations form must be signed by your instructor, Chair and CHSS Associate Dean to add. This will be approved only if there was an administrative error.

Check your registration through *SF State Gateway*: Sign up for CR/NC, drop and add classes by the appropriate deadline online through *SF State Gateway*. **ALWAYS** check your registration after making any changes and **BEFORE** deadlines to be sure you are registered properly for your classes. Deadlines for all registration procedures, including withdrawals and requests for credit/no credit, are listed in the class schedule

and will be strictly adhered to by the instructor, the Department Chair and the Associate Dean of College of Health & Social Sciences. **It is ALWAYS the student's responsibility to ensure their schedule is correct, even if the instructor indicates they will drop you.** This can be viewed on the Registration Calendar at the following website: <http://www.sfsu.edu/~admisrec/reg/regsched2163.html>

Disability Programs and Resource Center: Students with disabilities who need reasonable accommodations are encouraged to work with the instructor and contact Disability Programs and Resource Center (DPRC). They are located in SSB 110, can be reached by telephone at 415-338-2472 (voice/TTY) or by e-mail at dprc@sfsu.edu.

Student Disclosures of Sexual Violence: SF State fosters a campus free of sexual violence including sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and/or any form of sex or gender discrimination. If you disclose a personal experience as an SF State student, the course instructor is required to notify the Dean of Students. To disclose any such violence confidentially, contact: **The SAFE Place** - (415) 338-2208; http://www.sfsu.edu/~safe_plc/

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