

ENVI111 Environment and Society



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of Otago

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COURSE DELIVERY

Lectures

Three 1-hr lectures each week and one 1-hour film viewing & critiquing environmental documentaries

In person & online

(M, T, W, Th)

Each week of ENVI111 explores a different environmental issue

Around the world, global environmental change is a major concern of politicians and scientists, communities and individuals, public, private, and non-governmental organisations. News broadcasts constantly remind us of the symptoms of change, in the form of floods, droughts, famines, catastrophic landslides, pollution, global warming, conflicts, Indigenous land-loss and so forth. However environmental change is complex and we need to be able to think critically for ourselves when considering environmental issues.

Topics may include:

Impacts of
**Climate
Change**

**Environmental
Hazards**

**Environmental
Impacts of Fast
Fashion**

**Renewable
Energy**

The wonderful world
of **Trash &
Recycling**

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This paper consists of lectures and covers different aspects of environmental change.

Environment and Society is for students from all disciplines and backgrounds with an awareness of current environmental concerns at the global, national and local levels. This paper explores the relationship between **people**, their activities, and the biophysical **environment**, and on developing an informed understanding of the socio-cultural context of **environmental problems**.

Acknowledging the range of **values** different people have for environmental systems and natural resources is critical to constructing meaningful responses to **environmental challenges**. Environment and Society requires students to critically think about environmental issues, ask questions about the evidence for such issues and make decisions based on the evidence put forward to support claims about the environment.



Learning Outcomes

At the end of this paper you will have:

1. A greater awareness of the nature of environmental problems facing global, national and regional communities;
2. An understanding of some of the 'drivers' of environmental change;
3. An appreciation of the range of values different people have for environmental systems and natural resources;
4. Begun to develop your ability to analyse environmental issues critically, to challenge conventional assumptions and to consider different options and viewpoints with respect to environmental issues and debates.

Assessment

Assessment is 50% internal (2 essay assessments) and 50% external (final examination – essay and multiple choice).

WHERE CAN I GO WITH A CAREER IN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT?

Our graduates go into so many different jobs there is no single answer! They are global citizens working in environmental issues in non-government organisations, environmental consultancies, NGOs, and local and central government agencies.

Environmental Management graduates develop policy for sustainable development, environmental planning, monitoring and regulation.