

# Bemidji State University

## SOC 3050: Environmental Sociology

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: \*.\*

Lab Hours/Week: \*.\*

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Examines the relationship between society and the environment. Emphasis on political and economic institutions and the consumer lifestyle and values. Considers how the treadmill of production affects ecosystems and discusses possible solutions to environmental problems.

Prerequisites: SOC 1104 or consent of instructor.

### B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 09/01/2002 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Built Environments
2. Environmental Movements
3. Human Activity Impacts
4. Natural Environments
5. Social Environments
6. Social Processes
7. Technological Environments

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. use public information data sets in analyzing the environmental performance of a TRI facility.
2. be able to identify and specify patterns of inequality in society that result in unequal allocation of resources.
3. understand power disparities that exist in social organization around environmental issues.
4. come to understand the integration of the social and physical worlds from the perspective of social ecology.
5. understand the tensions between social action and social institutions as these relate to environmental processes.
6. be able to assess the social character of environmental issues through examining environmental issues from the sociological perspective.
7. be able to differentiate between ideologies behind specific theoretical traditions and identify various explanatory theories.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

**G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

None noted