WELCOME TO NATS 101 INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL CHANGE

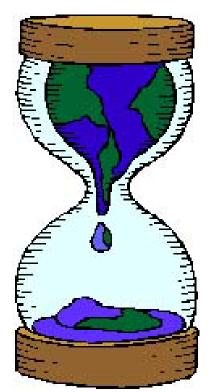


Dr. Katie Hirschboeck *
Associate Professor of Climatology
Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research

*(pronounced: "hersh-beck")

Your should have obtained two (2) handouts when you came in today.

Please fill out the short one and turn it in to one of the TA's before you leave today.



This is a General Education / Teaching Team Course





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Your Teaching Team:

Professor: Dr. Katie Hirschboeck

(Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research, LTRR)

Office: 208 West Stadium (yes, the football stadium!)

Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTA's)



Rebecca Franklin (Geosciences & Tree-Ring Lab)



Steve Amesbury

(Arid Lands)

Your Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTA's)

Adam
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(Geosciences &
Tree-Ring Lab)





Jelena* Vukomanovic (Arid Lands)

*Pronounced YELL - e - na

and **Undergraduate Preceptors**

THIS COULD BE YOU!!

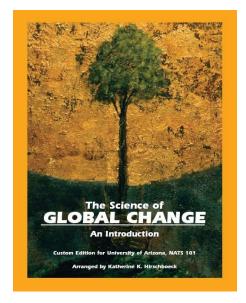


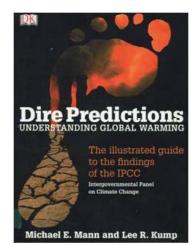




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"SGC"





"DP"

COURSE LOGISTICS

Required: 2 TEXTBOOKS

← Begin reading Chapter 1 now in the first half of "SGC"

NOTE: assigned readings are listed on the **Reading Assignments Schedule**. It's up to you to stay on schedule with the readings!

Find the schedule in your CLASS NOTES PACKET (p 4), it's also in the online Syllabus, in D2L, & on the course webpage under Quick Links.

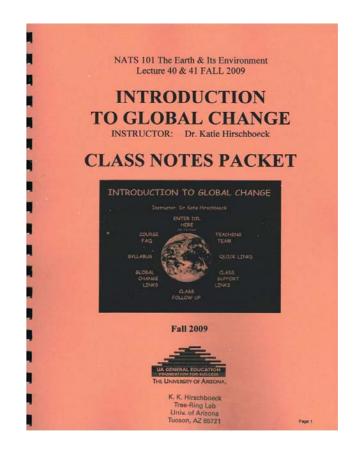
Also see the weekly D2L Checklist.

... Plus a required CLASS NOTES PACKET now available in the ASUA bookstore at the Textbook Counter in the basement.

You'll need it for our NEXT CLASS (this Thursday Aug 27) so make every effort to pick it up before then.

NEW THIS FALL: Class Notes are printed on Eco White recycled paper and are recyclable at the end of the semester!

NOTE: When the bookstore runs out of their first run of copies, you will need to order one for yourself – turn around time is about a day.



Bring Class
Notes with you
to every class
to follow along!

How this class will operate:



Class is divided into ~ 20 collaborative learning groups

Most of you are first-year students & non-science majors

DURING CLASS TIME:

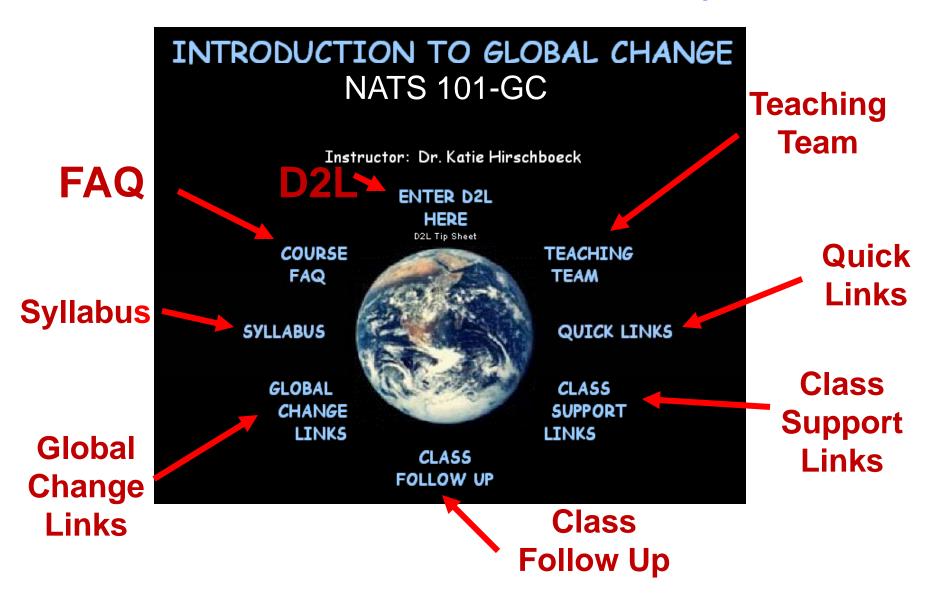
- Lectures
- Learning supplements (videos, demonstrations, etc.)
- In-Class Individual or Group Learning Activities & Assignments
- Tests
- Discussions

Homework / On Your Own:

- Textbook reading & studying
- D2L Online Activities (Self-tests, online Quizzes, Discussion posts, Chat room, etc.)
- Individual Assignments (some web-based)

NATS 101-GC Website:

http://fp.arizona.edu/kkh/nats101gc/



COURSE LOGISTICS: D2L

"Desire To Learn"
D2L is a web-based online
learning environment equipped
with many learning tools & links.





















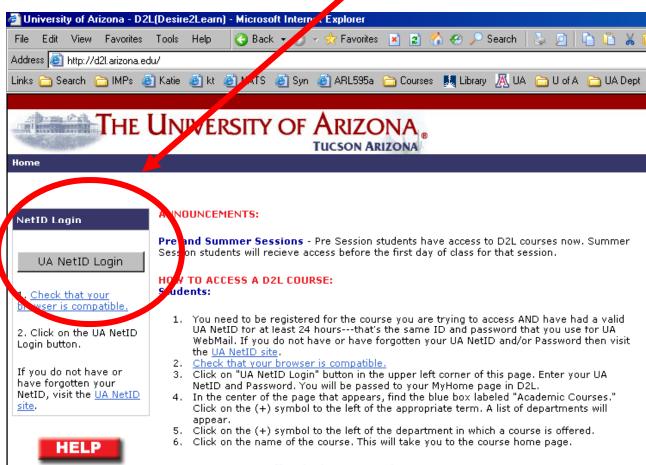
You can get to D2L via our NATS 101-GC WebPage

or directly at: http://d2l.arizona.edu/

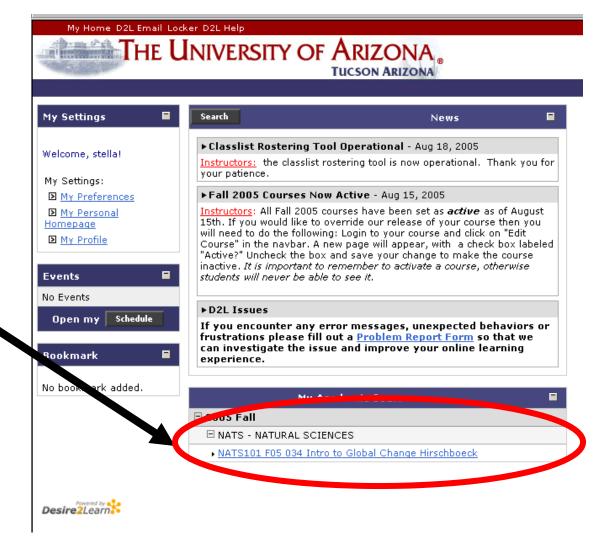
Then you LOGIN using your UA NetID:



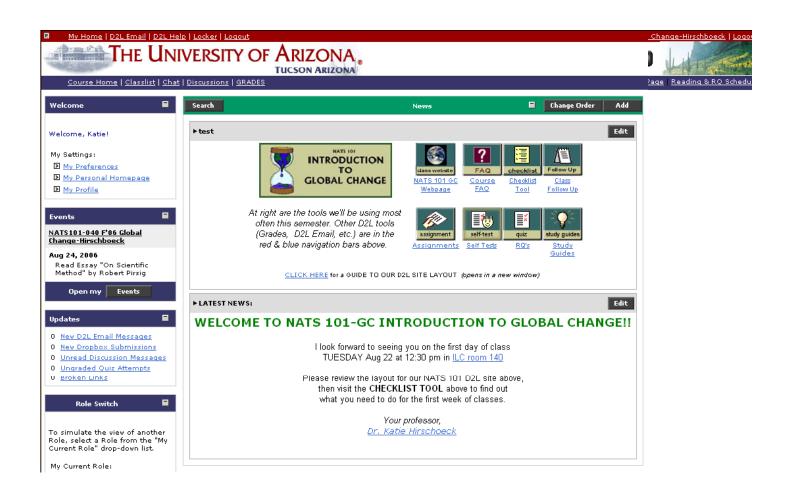
(NOTE: To LOGIN you MUST be registered in the course first!)

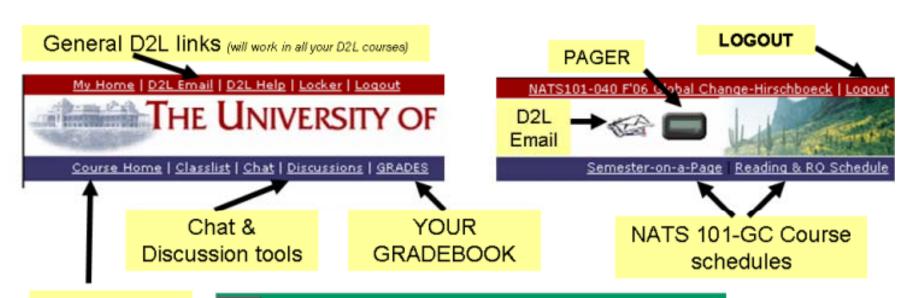


Then click on the course title . . .



.. and you'll arrive at our D2L Homepage!





NATS 101-GC COURSE HOME

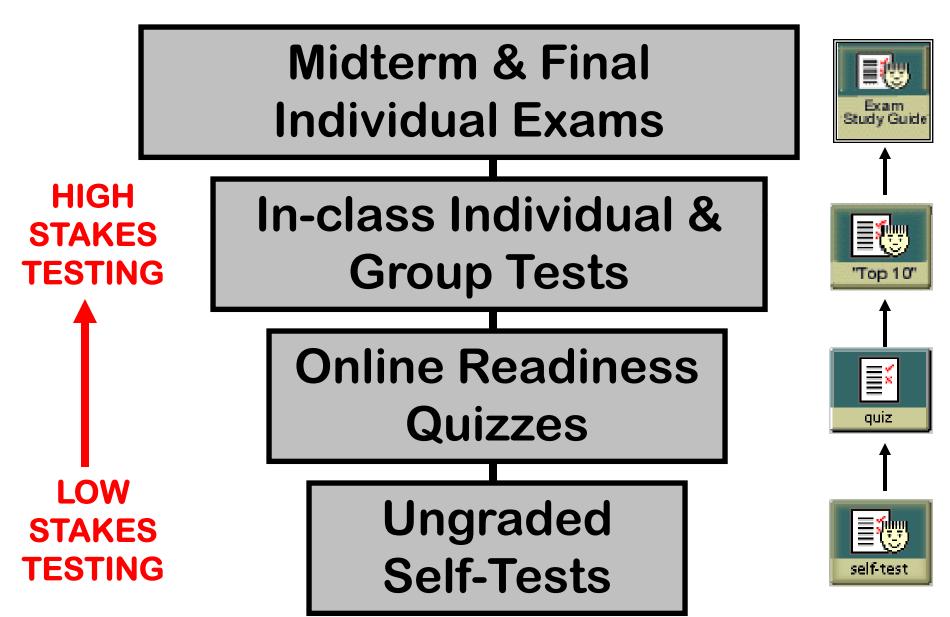
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Main NATS 101-GC Course Tools here

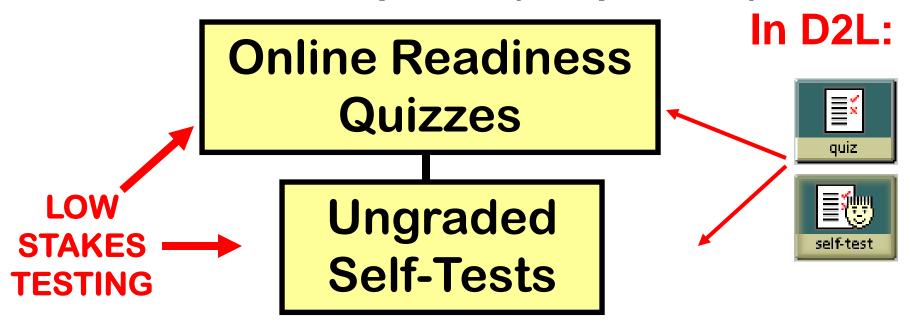
News & Announcements here

Check this daily for the latest news about the class

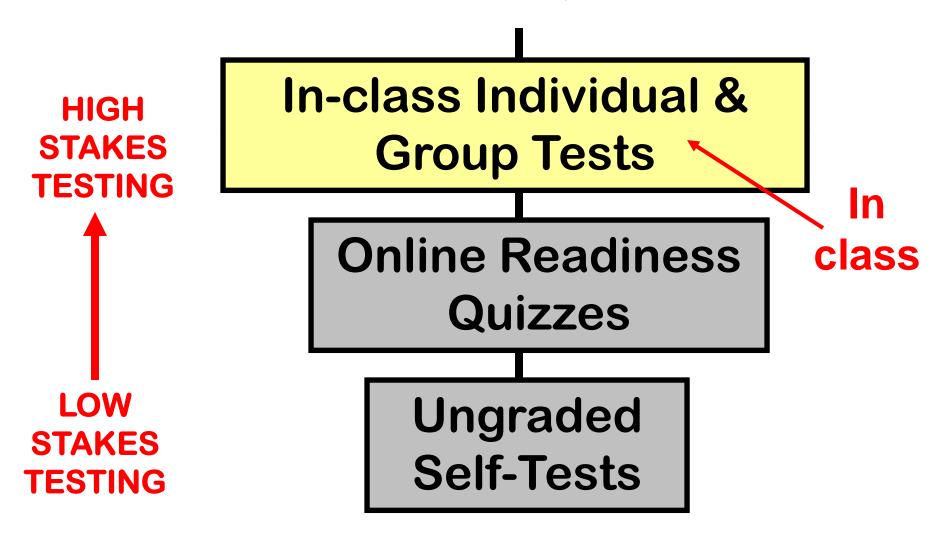


START OUT WITH UNGRADED SELF-TEST & SHORT ONLINE QUIZ

To give you feedback in your reading comprehension, you'll start with "low stakes" online quizzes (0 - 5pts each)



. . . and then move on to "higher stakes" 25 pt tests on the course material, taken in class:



Individual in-class testing procedure:

These are short, 10-question quizzes that you'll take after we cover a set of topics in class.

Each question is worth 2 pts = 20 pts for the entire Individual Test.

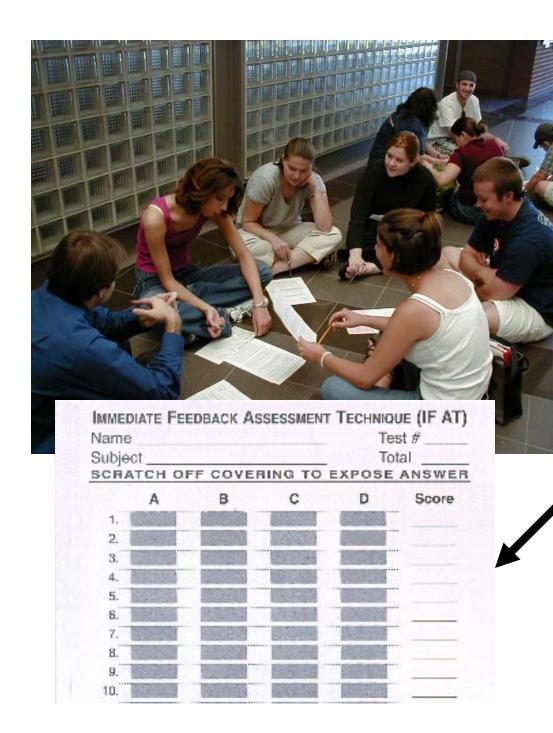
You'll take it as an individual first . . .

After individual test forms are completed and collected, you'll get into your learning group and take the same test as a

group!



You'll find out your Group Test score right after you take it . . .



You'll use IF-AT forms for immediate feedback on your Group Tests & compute your group score yourselves.

Each question is worth .5 pts on the Group Test for a total of 5 pts

Midterm & Final Individual Exams (100-105 pts)

HIGH STAKES TESTING

In-class Individual & Group Tests (25 pts)

In class

LOW STAKES TESTING Online Readiness
Quizzes (5 pts)

Ungraded Self-Tests (0 pts)

ABOUT ASSIGNMENTS:



Group

(in class assignments, 5-10 pts each)

These will not be announced in advance!



Individual

(homework assignments, variable pts each)

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a TERM PROJECT on Linking Global Change Science to Life

WHAT IS THIS COURSE ALL ABOUT?

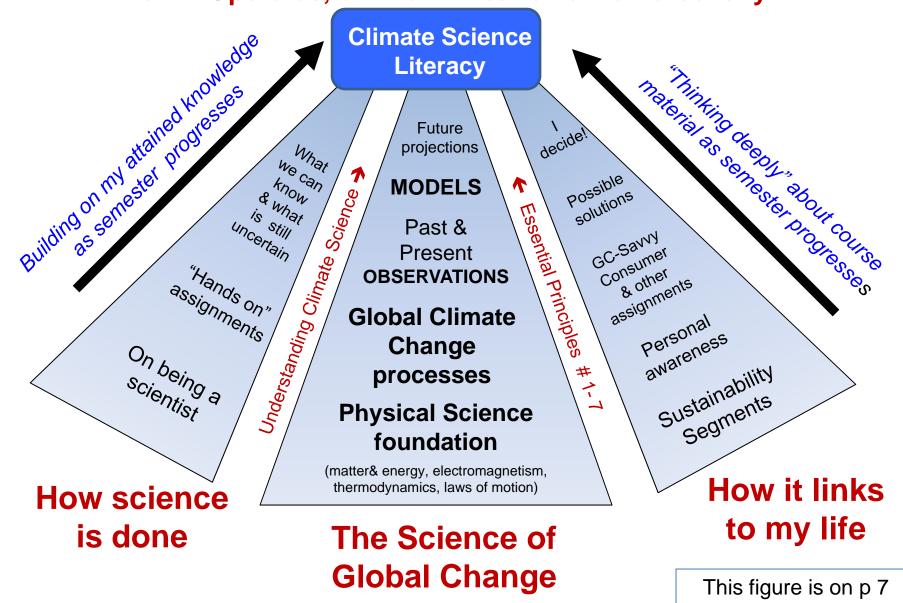
& PHYSICAL SCIENCE CONCEPTS

THE EARTH

HOW & WHY
GLOBAL CHANGES OCCUR

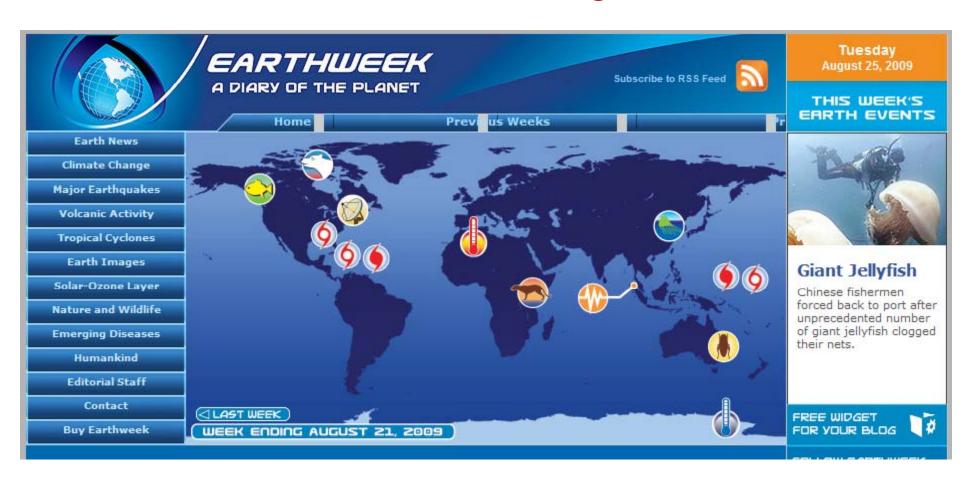
YOUR ROLE AS A CITIZEN OF OUR PLANET

GOAL: Enhanced Understanding Of Global Change Science, **How It Operates, & What It Means To Me Personally**



of Class Notes

Why study the Earth System & Global Change?



http://www.earthweek.com/

Polar Bears Feast During Cool Arctic Summer

August 21, 2009



The beleaguered polar bear population around Canada's Hudson Bay got a brief reprieve from global warming this summer.

Cooler temperatures resulted in sea ice lasting longer than it has in years, allowing the bears extra time to hunt seals from the ice and raise healthier cubs.

"Even just one or two weeks out on the sea ice can make a difference in how many seals they kill and how much fat they're able to store on their bodies," said polar bear specialist Andrew Derocher of the University of Alberta.

But experts warn that a single summer's break from global warming in much of Arctic Canada doesn't mean that polar bears are out of danger.

"The overall prognosis for bears on a worldwide basis still remains dim at best," said Robert Buchanan, head of California-based Polar Bear International. "This is an aberration," he told Canadian Press.

Polar bear observers in Churchill, Manitoba, on the western shore of Hudson Bay, say that while the animals appear to be doing well this summer, even the largest of the species aren't as big as they once were.



Canada is home to about two-thirds of the world's pola

Global Warming Expands Tropics

August 14, 2009



The world's tropical zone appears to be rapidly expanding north and southward under the influence of climate change, according to a new Australian study.

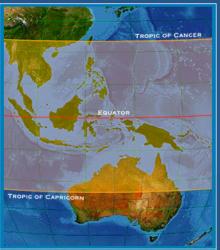
Researchers at James Cook University looked at long-term satellite measurements, atmospheric balloon soundings and climate models in determining that the tropics have widened by more than 300 miles (500 km) over the past 25 years.

The accompanying expansion of sub-tropical climates could also dry out fertile regions that currently receive ample rainfall. Such a development would have devastating effects on health and food production, the researchers warn.

Professor Sandra Harding said tropical climates had already moved more than six degrees of latitude beyond the traditional confines of the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, and were continuing to expand.

Regions of temperate Mediterranean climate that border the subtropics appear to be particularly vulnerable, and are already experiencing the effects of climate change, Harding

Map Data: Earthbrowser



"The tropics have widened by up to 310 miles in the past 25 years." - Professor Steve Turton of Australia's James Cook University.

Roaches Impervious to Climate Change

August 21, 2009



It's long been touted that the ubiquitous cockroach would likely be one of the few creatures left alive in the wake of a nuclear Armageddon.

New research indicates that the pests are going to have a far easier time surviving global warming in part due to their ability to hold their breath for as long as 40 minutes at a

Natalie Schimpf and colleagues at the University of Queensland placed speckled cockroaches (Nauphoeta cinerea) in chambers with dry and humid atmospheres, atmospheres with oxygen levels ranging from 5 to 40 percent and atmospheres with carbon dioxide levels ranging from 0.3 to 6 percent for five weeks running.

The insects demonstrated an amazing ability to adjust their breathing patterns to adapt to each radically changed



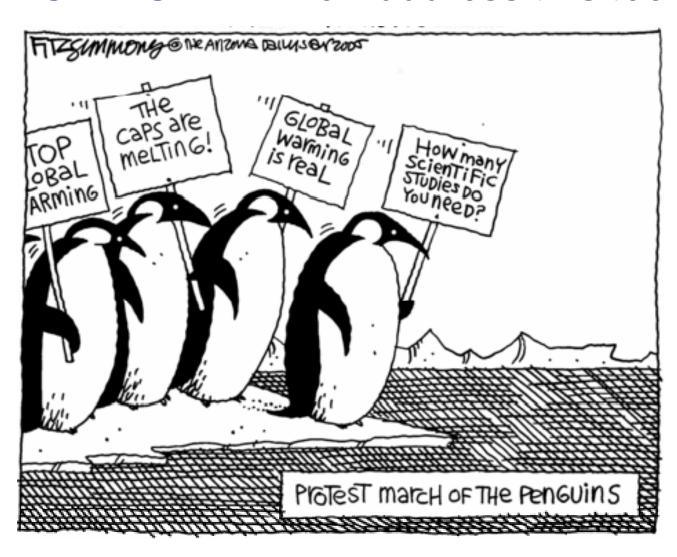
Cockroaches have been observed holding their breath for up to 40 minutes as a way to adapt to an altered climate.

http://www.earthweek.com/

Questions GLOBAL CHANGE SCIENTISTS are asking and studying:

- How and why are these changes occurring?
- Are these changes good or bad for people?
- Can human beings do anything to stop or reverse those changes?
- Or are they part of natural variability that will happen no matter what we do?

THESE ISSUES ARE NOT WITHOUT CONTROVERSY!! We'll address this too!



DOING SCIENCE & BEING A SCIENTIST

BASIC PHYSICAL SCIENCE BACKGROUND:

- The Nature of Matter
- Thermodynamics & Energy
- Electromagnetic Radiation
- Mechanics & Energy

Physics Fundamentals for Understanding Global Change

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Tools of the Global Change Scientist



Tying It All Together: Key Global Change Issues

WHAT KIND OF BACKGROUND DO I HAVE TO HAVE?

- CRITICAL READING SKILLS
- WRITING SKILLS
- BASIC MATH & QUANTITATIVE REASONING SKILLS
- HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE
- TEAM WORK SKILLS

Important: regular computer access is REQUIRED for this class!

(Please fill out the short background form turn it in before you leave today)

"Dr. H" CLASSROOM POLICIES

(there are more at online FAQ "Frequently Asked Questions"):

- 1. Sorry, but no questions can be answered *before* class until teaching equipment is set up & ready to go.
- 2. Questions *after* class will be answered after the equipment has been shut down (best to do this away from the front desk or outside the classroom).
- 3. All electronic devices (esp. cell phones) must be shut off throughout the class period including LAPTOPS & NETBOOKS! Permission granted for special circumstances (see how in FAQ). Absolutely NO TEXTING!
- 4. Respect your professor and each other. Refrain from conversations with your classmates during lectures, presentations, videos, etc.
- 5. No food or drink (except in closed containers) in ILC.

WHAT KIND OF STUDENT SHOULD I BE IN ORDER TO ENJOY THE CLASS & GET A LOT OUT OF IT?

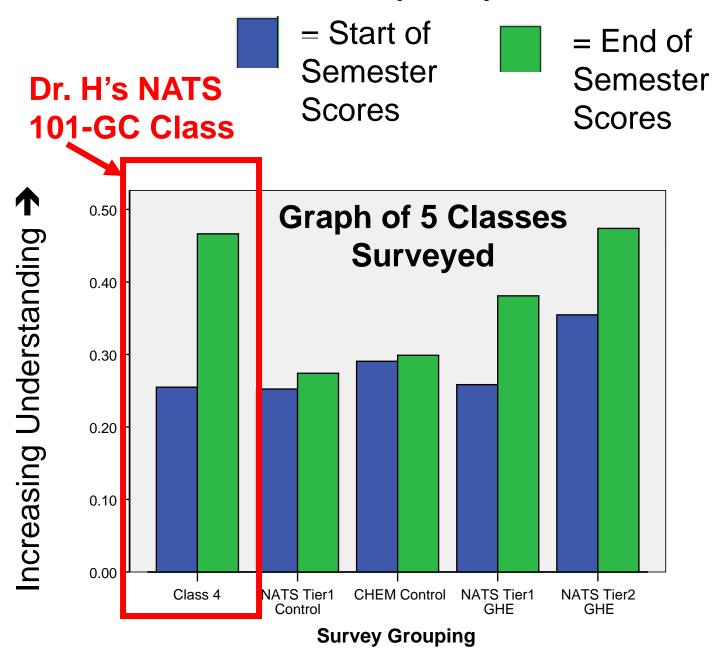
Students who mesh well with Dr. H's teaching style and the format of this NATS 101 lecture section:

- Like a class that is <u>structured</u> with lots of online support
- Enjoy working with fellow students in groups during part of the class period (not a loner)
- Have convenient access to a <u>computer and the</u> <u>internet</u> and check it frequently
- Are "visual" learners who like lots of graphics in lectures
- Attend class regularly and like to keep up with the material as it is taught (w/ tiered testing framework)
- Enjoy being in a class geared toward <u>first- and</u> <u>second-year students</u>
- Have a sense of humor!

WHAT WILL YOU GET OUT OF THIS CLASS IF YOU PUT A COMMITTED EFFORT INTO IT?

- An equal if not greater effort and commitment to YOU from your Professor and GTA's (We want to help you succeed!)
- A clear road map for "what is expected, when" in a well-organized class
- The achievement of the Expected Learning
 Outcomes listed in the Webpage's online syllabus,
 but also some FUN along the way!
- An exceptional amount of knowledge about GLOBAL CHANGE
 - And here's the evidence -

GREENHOUSE EFFECT (GHE) UNDERSTANDING



What should I be doing now?

To find out, always check out the WEEKLY CHECKLIST in D2L!

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NEXT:

About the Teaching Team Program & becoming a Preceptor

(see Syllabus & Nats 101-GC website for additional details on being a Preceptor in this class)



Teaching Teams Program

Putting People Back Into Education

What Does a Teaching Team do for MY class?



 Hands-on projects and activities





- Various Learning
 Opportunities

 (which cater to most learning styles!)
 - Helpful Resources and extra support

Who is on <u>YOUR</u> Teaching Team?

- Instructor
- · TAS
- Preceptors



What is a Preceptor?



 Motivated and responsible student

·Facilitator

·Peer Tutor

·Classroom leader

So, who can be a preceptor?



Why should <u>I</u> Become a Preceptor?

- Personal involvement with your course - YOU can help make it a better course through your input
- · Learn new professional and leadership skills
- · Opportunity to excel in the course !!
- · Get to know your professor & TA's as mentors and future references for applications, jobs, etc.
- · It's FUN!!!!





Preceptor Compensation?

Preceptors receive 3 units academic credit by enrolling in one of the following courses:

UNVR 197a: Preceptor Training (for first-time preceptors)

UNVR 397a: Independent Study Preceptorship (for returning preceptors)

OR preceptors can receive HONORS CREDIT in NATS 101 by enrolling in the co-convened HONORS SECTION . . .

UNVR 197a: Basic Preceptor Training

 Several sections offered at various times

 Sections meet for 2 hours once a week for 9 weeks



Training in Communication Skills, Group Dynamics and Leadership

UNVR 397a: For Advanced Preceptors

- Gain practical leadership and problem-solving experience
- Learn skills that will help you in all aspects of your life



So, how do I sign -up?

See the PRECEPTOR SECTION under TEACHING TEAM on our NATS 101-GC WEBPAGE:



http://fp.arizona.edu/kkh/nats101gc/how.htm

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ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

GTA office hours will be held in the INFORMATION COMMONS in 104b beginning next week.

