

Spring 2007 SOILS 071 (GN IL)



Environmental Sustainability

Exploring sustainable human-environment interactions with examples from environmental soil science

3 Credit Hours

TR 1:00 - 2:15

Brief Description:

This class provides an introduction to environmental sustainability for students with no background in environmental science or soils. The goal of the course is to develop critical thinking skills related to sustainable environmental choices and to generate an awareness of the role of soils in maintaining environmental quality. The class will include "sustainability walks" to see examples of sustainable environmental choices near campus. The five themes of the class are:

The science of nature and the nature of science
Population and consumption: challenges to sustainability
The Malthusian dilemma: feeding billions of people
The conservation dilemma: maintaining a healthy environment
Success stories in sustainable science and policy

Instructor: Jason Kaye Schedule #: 835570 Prerequisites: none Formerly: AGECO 197b