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CLCH 160 Oceanography
This course is designed to provide an overview of geological, chemical, and physical oceanography. It is constructed such that all students (irrespective of their major area of study) can learn about the oceans. Through frequent individual and group assignments, readings, video lectures, and collaborative discussions, students are exposed to the major areas of oceanography including marine geology, physical oceanography, and marine chemistry. This includes the following themes: plate tectonics (particularly as it pertains to the making, shaping, and disruptions of the global ocean), marine provinces, marine sediments, seawater chemistry, air-sea interactions and ocean circulation (particularly as they pertain to climate change), waves and water dynamics, tides, renewable ocean energy, and beaches and shoreline processes.
Activity: Online Course
1.0 Course Unit

CLCH 220 Atmospheric Science
The study of atmospheric science includes the prediction of weather and climate change as well as their impact on society. Designed to provide an understanding of the fundamentals of atmospheric science at the local, regional, and global levels, this course covers the nature, composition, and structure of the atmosphere, its interactions with other parts of the Earth, and the major chemical mechanisms controlling the occurrence and mobility of air pollutants in the atmosphere. Course topics also include global atmospheric composition, ecosystems, living organisms, and environmentally important atmospheric species such as greenhouse gases, stratospheric ozone, acid precipitation, urban smog, and air toxins.
Activity: Online Course
1.0 Course Unit

CLCH 230 Climate Change
Climate change is happening right now! Climate change is a hoax this is normal variation! Climate change is something we can worry about in 50 to 100 years, no need to worry about it now. On an almost daily basis we are bombarded by mixed messages about climate in the media. Who is right? What is the truth? This course will examine the cryosphere and build on the previous Climate Certificate courses CLCH 160 Oceanography and CLCH 220 Atmospheric Science to better understand Earth's climate system. We will explore past climate, how we know what that climate was like, and how and why we believe it has changed. We will then examine current evidence for climate change (sea level rise, loss of glacier mass, changes in weather systems) and critique various climate models. Once the class has a good understanding of the science behind climate change we will examine potential impacts in various parts of the world. Finally we will examine climate policy in the US at the federal, state and local level and in various parts of the world.
Taught by: Yvette Bordeaux
Activity: Online Course
1.0 Course Unit

CLCH 300 Communicating Science
Even the most brilliant scientists must be able to communicate clearly to effectively share their enthusiasm for their fields. Relating scientific concepts and quantitative data to colleagues is very different than sharing it with the general public. This course will show students how to refine their communication skills in crafting messages to address different audiences and genres. There are no required prerequisites for this course, although students pursuing the Certificate in Climate Change are strongly encouraged to already have completed CLCH 160: Oceanography, CLCH 220: Atmospheric Science, and CLCH 230: Climate Change prior to enrolling in this course.
Taught by: N/A
Activity: Online Course
1.0 Course Unit