



COURSE OUTLINE

(1) GENERAL

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| SCHOOL | School of Technology | | |
| ACADEMIC UNIT | Department of Environmental Sciences | | |
| LEVEL OF STUDIES | Undergraduate | | |
| COURSE CODE | AE805 | SEMESTER | 8th |
| COURSE TITLE | POLITICAL ECOLOGY | | |
| INDEPENDENT TEACHING ACTIVITIES | | WEEKLY TEACHING HOURS | CREDITS |
| Teaching Hours | | 3 | 3 |
| COURSE TYPE | Specialised general knowledge | | |
| PREREQUISITE COURSES | None | | |
| LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION and EXAMINATIONS | Greek | | |
| IS THE COURSE OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS | No | | |
| COURSE WEBSITE (URL) | https://eclass.uth.gr/courses/ENV_U_176/ | | |

(2) LEARNING OUTCOMES

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| Learning outcomes |
| <p>The concept and term Political Ecology refers to a trend within the environmental movement that focuses on the interrelations and interactions between the natural environment and human societies.</p> <p>Upon successful completion of the course, students will have acquired the necessary knowledge, skills and competence, and will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inform policymakers and organizations about environmental and development related complexities, thereby contributing to better environmental governance.• Comprehend the decisions made by communities regarding the natural environment within the context of their political environment, economic pressures, and social regulations.• Examine how unequal relationships within and between societies affect the natural environment, particularly in the context of governmental policies. |
| General Competences |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Search for, analysis and synthesis of data and information, with the use of the necessary technology• Working independently• Team work• Respect for the natural environment• Production of free, creative and inductive thinking• Practical application of acquired knowledge |

(3) SYLLABUS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Political Ecology.• The Economic Perspective of Environmental Issues.• The Political Dynamics of Environmental Issues.• Environmental Justice (poverty, environmental migrants).• Environmental Quality: Social Inequalities Between and Within Countries.• Environmental Narratives and Representations.• Ecology and its Significance in Political Ecology.• Environmental Ethics. |
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(4) TEACHING and LEARNING METHODS – EVALUATION

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| DELIVERY | Face-to-face | |
| USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of PowerPoint slides• Communication with students via e-mail• Use of asynchronous distance learning (e-class) | |
| TEACHING METHODS | Activity | Semester workload |
| | Lectures | 20 |
| | Study and analysis of bibliography | 35 |
| | Essay writing | 20 |
| | Course total (25 hours workload per credit) | 75 |
| STUDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION | <p>Students' performance is evaluated in the Greek language. The final grade is determined by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A midterm exam (optional) that contributes 40% to the final grade, applying one or more of the following evaluation methods: Multiple choice questions, short-answer questions, problem solving.• A final written exam (at the end of the semester) that contributes 60% to the final grade, (or 100% if there is no midterm grade) applying one or more of the following evaluation methods: Multiple choice questions, short-answer questions, problem solving.• Alternatively, instead of taking the midterm exam, students may choose to submit a semester project that contributes 40% to the final grade. <p>Final Grade = 60% Exam Grade + 40% Midterm exam/Project Grade (optional)</p> | |

(5) ATTACHED BIBLIOGRAPHY

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ceri, P., Giddens, A., Offe, C., Touraine, A. (1991) <i>Political Ecology</i>, (translated by Betty Vakalopoulou), Athens: Society and Nature Publications (in Greek)• Collective work (2006) <i>Political Ecology in Greece</i>. Athens: Evonymos Ecological Library (in Greek)• Karageorgakis, S. (2016) <i>Environmental Philosophy and Environmental Education</i>. Athens: Eutopia Publications (in Greek) |
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