

# Add Course Request

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1. <b>COURSE SUBJECT</b>	Anth
2. <b>COURSE NUMBER</b> (OR PROPOSED NUMBER)	1010
3. <b>COURSE TITLE</b>	Global Climate Change and Human Societies
4. <b>INITIATING DEPARTMENT or UNIT</b>	Anthropology
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12. Departmental Approval Date	9/17/12
13. School/College Approval Date	11/13/12
14. Names and Dates of additional Department and School/College approvals	
15. Proposed Implementation Date	Term: Spring, Year: 2013
16. Offered before next printed catalog is distributed?	Yes
17. <b>General Education Content Area</b>	Content Area 2 Social Sciences Content Area 3 Science and Technology Content Area 4 Diversity and Multiculturalism  International
18. <b>General Education Skill Code (W/Q).</b> Any non-W section?	None
19. Terms Offered	Semester: Spring Year: Odd_Years
20. Sections	Sections Taught: 6
21. Student Number	Students/Sections: 300
22. Clarification:	

23. <b>Number of Credits</b>	3 if VAR Min:3 Max:3 credits each term
24. <b>INSTRUCTIONAL PATTERN</b> 2 periods per week	
25. Will this course be taught in a language other than English?	No If yes, then name the language:
26. Please list any prerequisites, recommended preparation or suggested preparation: none	
27. Is Instructor, Dept. Head or Unit <b>Consent Required?</b>	Departmental
28. Permissions and Exclusions:	
29. Is this course <b>repeatable for credit?</b>	No If yes, total credits allowed: Allow multiple enrollments in same term?
30. <b>Grading Basis</b>	Graded
31. If satisfactory/unsatisfactory grading is proposed, please provide <b>rationale</b> :	
32. Will the course or any sections of the course be taught as Honors? AsHonors	
33. Additional Details:	
34. Special Attributes:	
35. <b>REGIONAL CAMPUS AVAILABILITY:</b> Could be taught at other campuses if appropriate instructors are available	
36. <b>PROVIDE THE PROPOSED TITLE AND COMPLETE CATALOG COPY:</b>  ANTH 1010 Global Climate Change and Human Societies  Assesses the multidisciplinary cultural and climate sources of information on the nature, anthropogenic drivers, range of expressions, and health and risks of contemporary and future global climate change as well as cultural understandings of this significant environmental process and diverse human responses to it.	
37. <b>RATIONALE FOR ACTION REQUESTED</b>  Reasons for adding this course: This course was developed as part of a successful Provost's General Education Course Enhancement Grant application. Currently, the Department lacks a course that introduces students to social issues in climate change and there is a broader need throughout the university in general education courses on the critical issue of global warming and its implications for humanity. Currently, there is a burgeoning cultural anthropological, medical anthropological, environmental anthropology and related social science research literature on the anthropogenic causes and diverse health, ecological, and social impacts of climate change. This course has been reviewed by all other departments in CLAS and approved with limited overlap in existing courses.	
38. <b>SYLLABUS:</b>	

Online URL: ( [https://web2.uconn.edu/senateform/request/course\\_uploads/kcp13001-1367936562-Modified syllabus submitted ANTH 1010.docx](https://web2.uconn.edu/senateform/request/course_uploads/kcp13001-1367936562-Modified_syllabus_submitted_ANTH_1010.docx) )

**39. Course Information: ALL General Education courses, including W and Q courses, MUST answer this question**

a. Syllabus

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**40. Goals of General Education: All Courses Proposed for a Gen Ed Content Area MUST answer this question**

Fit with UCONN's General Education Curriculum: The distinctive features of the proposed course include its unified environmental and anthropological global focus on the nature and human health and social impacts of ongoing global warming, with special multicultural reference to the most vulnerable groups and regions. The course has some overlap with HSA 5305 - Principles of Sustainability. The distinctive focus of the proposed course, however, is on human/environment and society/society interactions, and their impacts on human societies, health and social well-being, and differing social responses by setting and social group.

**41. Content Area and/or Competency Criteria: ALL General Education courses, including W and Q courses, MUST answer this question.: Specific Criteria**

**a. Arts and Humanities:**

**b. Social Sciences:**

The course is framed within a social science orientation and is concerned with key issues in the social sciences including human/environment interaction, human response to change and adversity, social organization, and issues of morality and decision-making.

**c. Science and Technology:**

The course presents a basic orientation to global climate changes, drivers of change, diverse environment expressions of a heating planet, and the impact of the geoclimatic changes on human societies.

**i. Laboratory:**

**d. Diversity and Multiculturalism:**

The course includes special focus on the impacts of climate change on diverse populations, including low income populations and socially disadvantaged populations, as well as diverse community perceptions of climate change, understandings of change, and responses.

**43. International:**

The course has a global focus and will exam variation in climate change impacts and response in specific locations around the world.

e. **Q course:**

f. **W course:**

**42. RESOURCES:**

Does the department/school/program currently have resources to offer the course as proposed

YES

If NO, please explain why and what resources are required to offer the course.

**43. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

AP note: Reading Packet information from proposer: \\\\\"The content for the course packet will consist of accessible (Freshmen level) articles on:

Introducing the greenhouse gases

The nature of carbon and its binding properties

The many factors that impact weather

What is climate science?

Observed impacts of climate change on land and marine plants and animals

What does the term \\\\\"extreme weather\\\\\\" mean

Climate change and human health\\\\\\"

This course is the product of a GEOC Award for new GEOC course development to enhance the General Education curriculum at UCONN

**ADMIN COMMENT:**

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GEOAppCA2/CA4-INT\_090413kcp. NewSyllabus\_050713KCP.

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INTapp\_013013AP. AddedInfoReReadingPacket\_120612AP. newCA234\_113012AP.

**(Modified syllabus submitted 3/20)**

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Readings:

Climate Central. Global Weirdness: Severe storms, deadly heat waves, relentless drought, rising seas, and the weather of the future. , 2012

Susan Crate and Mark Nuttall, eds. Anthropology and Climate Change. Walnut Creek, CA: Left Coast Press, 2009

Hans Baer and Merrill Singer. *Global Warming and the Political Ecology of Health: Emerging Crises and Systemic Solutions*. Walnut Creek, CA: Left Coast Press, 2009.

An Assembled Article Packet.

This course will cover:

Week 1: Gaining an Historic Perspective on Climate Change

Week 2: Climate Change: The Basics

Week 3: The Human Finger Print on Global Warming

Week 4: Climate Change Science and Climate Scientists

Week 5: Adverse Environmental & Social Impacts of Climate Change, Part 1

Week 6: Adverse Environmental & Social Impacts of Climate Change, Part 2

Week 7: Adverse Environmental & Social Impacts of Climate Change, part 3

Week 8: Climate Change and Human Health, Part 1

Week 8: Climate Change and Human Health, Part 2

Week 10: Assessing Climate Change Denial

Week 11: Social Relations, Social Inequality & Climate Change

Week 12: Perceived Climate Change Cross-culturally

Week 13: Responding to Climate Change Cross-culturally

Week 14: The Tomorrow of Climate Change

Student assessment will be based on the following components:

- Midterm Exam (objective questions, covering first half of semester) – 25% of grade (50 questions)
- Final Exam (objective questions covering second half of semester)- 30% of grade (60 questions)
- Analytic paper – read and analyze (5 pages) one of the chapters in the Crate and Nuttall book; explain what the chapter is about, where the information presented came from

(e.g., how data were collected), significance of the chapter (why does what it talks about matter?), and show linkage with concepts in lectures and other readings. 20% of grade

- Research Term Paper - Interview 12 students concerning climate change issues and write up a report on your research question, methods (look at articles in Crate/Nuttall), sample (age/gender, major, ethnicity breakdown), findings, and conclusions (what did you learn). You must develop the set of 5-8 questions you want to ask fellow students concerning climate change (e.g., a climate change knowledge test, concerns about climate change impacting the world, what to do about climate change, personal preparedness to make sacrifices to reduce climate change, etc. Frame your paper in light of online readings #a-d. 25% of grade

Grading is on a point system

Total possible points and by assignment:

Midterm	50
Final	60
Analytic term paper	40
Research term paper	50
TOTAL	200

You can achieve up to 200 total points. Final grades will be assigned as follows:

182 - 200 Pts = A (91+%); 175 - 181 = A- (87.5+%); 172 - 174 = B+ (86+%);

156 - 171 = B (78+%); 152 - 155 = C+ (76+%); 135 - 151 = C (67.5+%) ;

120 - 134 = D (60+%); 119 and below = F

Moreover

Academic Misconduct in any form is in violation of the University of Connecticut Student Code and will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to: copying or sharing answers on tests or assignments, plagiarism, and having someone else do your academic work. Depending on the act, a student could receive an F grade on the test/assignment, F grade for the course, and could be suspended or expelled from the University. Please see the Student Code at

[http://www.community.uconn.edu/student\\_code.html](http://www.community.uconn.edu/student_code.html) for more details and a full explanation of the Academic Misconduct policies and process.”

University students with disabilities are among the brightest and most dedicated learners on campus, and the University of Connecticut is committed to achieving equal educational opportunity and full participation for persons with disabilities (University policy on people with disabilities). Qualified individuals who require reasonable accommodations are urged to make their needs known to the professor as soon as possible, and should contact the Center for Students with Disabilities.

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