Note:

Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should not be used to purchase course materials.
COURSE SYLLABUS
HLTH 505
PRINCIPLES OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

COURSE DESCRIPTION
The course is a study of environmental factors including biological, physical and chemical factors that affect the health of a community.

RATIONALE
Environmental health science is one of the five basic areas of knowledge needed to practice public health as defined by the Council on Education for Public Health. New environmental threats and concerns present their own danger to the ecology of the planet and to the health of the human inhabitants. Humanity’s God-ordained role as stewards is not to destroy, but rather to work and keep the earth (Genesis 1:28, 2:15). This course is designed to help prepare Christian students in public health take a leadership role in protecting the environment to safeguard human wellness.

I. PREREQUISITES
For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the Academic Course Catalog.

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASES
Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING
A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
C. Microsoft Word
D. The Holy Bible (any version)

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
A. Recognize potential environmental health risks.
B. Describe the direct and indirect human, ecological, and safety effects of major environmental and occupational agents.
C. Describe genetic, physiological, and psychosocial factors that affect susceptibility to adverse health outcomes following exposure to environmental hazards.
D. Describe federal and state regulatory programs, guidelines, and authorities that control environmental health issues.
E. Recognize current environmental risk assessment methods.
F. Explain the general mechanisms of toxicity in eliciting a toxic response to various environmental exposures.
G. Discuss various risk management and risk communication approaches in relation to issues of environmental justice and equity.
H. Develop a testable model of environmental insult.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS
A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations/notes
B. Course Requirements Checklist
   After reading the Course Syllabus and Student Expectations, the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.
C. Discussion Board Forums (8)
   Discussion boards are collaborative learning experiences. Therefore, the student is required to provide a thread in response to the provided prompt for each forum. Each thread must be 400–500 words and demonstrate course-related knowledge. Each thread must also contain at least 2 references in current AMA format. In addition to the thread, the student is required to reply to 2 other classmates’ threads. Each reply must be 200–250 words and must contain at least 1 reference in current AMA format.

D. Conservation Effort Presentation
   The student will create a 5–10-slide PowerPoint presentation that synthesizes what he/she has learned from the conservation effort chosen as a part of the discussion boards. The student will attempt to convince a lay audience to adopt the chosen conservation effort.

E. Research Paper
   The student will explore a current environmental issue as it relates to human health. He/she will write a 15-page research paper that includes a thorough discussion of the science behind the issue as well as the theory and possible policies for mitigation of the associated problems. This assignment will be submitted in 3 parts:
   1. Topic Submission
      The topic will be chosen from a list provided by the instructor and must be submitted. The student will submit his/her topic via a Discussion Board Forum.
   2. Works Cited
A bibliography of at least 10 scholarly references must be submitted.

3. Final Draft

The final draft of the paper must be submitted via SafeAssign.

F. Quizzes (8)

The student will complete 8 quizzes covering the Textbook Readings for the modules/weeks in which they are assigned. Each quiz will consist of 15 multiple-choice and true/false questions per chapter covered. Each quiz will have a 1-hour time limit, except for Quiz 7 which will have a 1-hour and 30-minute time limit.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Points

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B. Scale

- A = 940–1010
- A- = 920–939
- B+ = 900–919
- B = 860–899
- B- = 840–859
- C+ = 820–839
- C = 780–819
- C- = 760–779
- D+ = 740–759
- D = 700–739
- D- = 680–699
- F = 0–679

C. Late Assignment Policy

If the student is unable to complete an assignment on time, then he or she must contact the instructor immediately by email.

Assignments that are submitted after the due date without prior approval from the instructor will receive the following deductions:

1. Late assignments submitted within one week of the due date will receive a 10% deduction.
2. Assignments submitted more than one week late will receive a 20% deduction.
3. Assignments submitted two weeks late or after the final date of the course will not be accepted.
4. Late Discussion Board threads or replies will not be accepted.
Special circumstances (e.g. death in the family, personal health issues) will be reviewed by the instructor on a case-by-case basis.

D. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport
**COURSE SCHEDULE**

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| 1           | Nadakavukaren: chs. 1–2  
Study Guide: chs. 1–2  
Schaeffer: Appendices A–B  
1 presentation  
1 lecture note | Course Requirements Checklist  
Class Introductions  
DB Forum 1  
Quiz 1 | 10  
0  
55  
30 |
| 2           | Nadakavukaren: chs. 3–4  
Study Guide: chs. 3–4  
Schaeffer: ch. 1  
1 presentation  
1 video  
1 lecture note | DB Forum 2  
Research Paper Topic Submission  
Quiz 2 | 55  
5  
30 |
| 3           | Nadakavukaren: chs. 5–6  
Study Guide: chs. 5–6  
Schaeffer: ch. 2  
1 presentation  
1 lecture note | DB Forum 3  
Quiz 3 | 55  
30 |
| 4           | Nadakavukaren: chs. 7–8  
Study Guide: chs. 7–8  
Schaeffer: ch. 3  
1 presentation | DB Forum 4  
Research Paper Works Cited  
Quiz 4 | 55  
50  
30 |
| 5           | Nadakavukaren: chs. 9–10  
Study Guide: chs. 9–10  
Schaeffer: ch. 4  
1 presentation | DB Forum 5  
Conservation Effort Presentation  
Quiz 5 | 55  
100  
30 |
| 6           | Nadakavukaren: chs. 11–12  
Study Guide: chs. 11–12  
Schaeffer: ch. 5  
1 presentation | DB Forum 6  
Quiz 6 | 55  
30 |
| 7           | Nadakavukaren: chs. 13–15  
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Schaeffer: ch. 6  
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DB = Discussion Board

**NOTE**: Each course module/week begins on Monday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Sunday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final module/week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.