CSPH 1101 (3 Credits)

SELF, SOCIETY, AND ENVIRONMENT: AN INTERCONNECTED WORLD VIEW

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

As the world becomes more global, the Western world view has begun to predominate. But humanity is much richer than that, and the Western world view has much to learn from diverse world cultures. An interconnected world view is both cutting-edge scientific, as well as consistent with indigenous world views that have stood the test of time. This course will help students understand their world view and how it was formed, consider other world views, and deepen their understanding of how an interconnected world view will ensure that their actions have positive and sustainable effects on themselves and the world.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

• Describe the basic principles of social and environmental science and relay how western ways of viewing the earth compare with various world views and ways of knowing
• Compare how scientific methods and other views can be used to solve social and environmental problems, and identify where each may fall short
• Explain the relationships of economic, political, and cultural systems in dealing with environmental issues
• Identify the interrelated systems in their lives and describe how their dynamic functioning may be optimized for personal wellbeing and social and environmental health
• Assess the significance of their ethical action in the world, both personally and in terms of others and the planet, by critically thinking about issues
• Synthesize an understanding of improved personal wellbeing and appraise ways to achieve it via inter-relationship with society and the natural world
• Formulate an enhanced awareness of, and engagement with, social and environmental issues
• Have integrated their learning into their daily life-circumstances

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