

Extra Credit Papers
BSC 1050
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Students have the opportunity to earn up to 20 extra credit points during the semester. Earn points by reading an environmental article and writing a summary and reaction. Each paper is worth five points with a limit of four extra credit papers per student. Articles **must** be from a scientific or nature-oriented journal or magazine and may be accessed electronically or by hard copy.

To receive credit your paper **MUST** adhere to the following format:

- **Minimum length of 350 words not to exceed 500 words**
- **Typed and double spaced with the word count listed**
- **Printed in a normal size font on one sheet of paper using both sides if necessary**
- **Name of article, source, and date included in the first paragraph of the paper**
- **Article and paper must relate to a current environmental issue**

These extra credit papers require students to follow specific directions which will help them prepare for further academic studies and a professional career. It will also help students learn about environmental issues which they may find rewarding.

The first section of the paper should be a summary of the article in your own words. It should indicate the environmental issue, the effects, and possible solutions if applicable. The last section of the paper should be your reaction or evaluation of the article (either positive or negative).

Each student may submit a limit of one paper per week with a limit of four during the semester. The deadline for all papers is the week of Exam II which is approximately one month before the final examination. The deadline date will be announced in class during the first week.

All papers will be read and evaluated the week they are submitted and returned to be redone if not satisfactory. It can be assumed that the paper is satisfactory if it is not returned after one week. All papers will be returned for the students to keep before the final exam.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of this extra credit opportunity as it can only add to the total points earned during the term and could make a difference in the final grade for the course.

Alternative Paper for Extra Credit
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An alternative to the short articles for extra credit to use Chapter 12 (Energy) in your textbook for an extra credit paper. This review will be worth 20 points which is the maximum amount that can be earned in one semester.

Should you choose to earn extra credit by doing a review of Chapter 12 in your text, the following items are required:

1. Read/review Chapter 12 in your textbook.
2. Type a review paper covering the following points:
 - (1) Define “renewable” and “non-renewable” energy sources and give some examples of each.
 - (2) Choose ten (10) energy sources from the described in Chapter 12 and evaluate each by giving some of their positive and negative points.
 - (3) List ten (10) of your favorite methods of energy from the list given in Chapter 12. Tell which methods that you currently use.
 - (4) In your opinion after reading Chapter 12, what do you believe the future of energy use in the USA and world should be and give reasons for your choice(s).
3. Minimum length of 1400 words, not to exceed 2000 words. Typed and double spaced with word count listed. Printed in normal sized font on one side of each sheet of paper. Number the pages and staple.
4. Give source: Chapter 12 (Energy) in textbook: Principles of Environmental Science (6th edition) by Cunningham and Cunningham
5. Deadline: same date as the deadline for all extra credit papers which will be announced in class. However, papers may be submitted at any time prior to the deadline.