

IDS 2935 Living with Rising Seas

Quest 2

I. Course Information

Spring 2021

**Facilitated in a synchronous Hyflex format, live and online.*

Meeting Day/Time: T8-9 (Live and Virtual), R8 (all Virtual)

Location: Matherly 0011

Primary General Education Designation: Physical Sciences

Secondary General Education Designation (if seeking): Diversity (D)

Writing Designation (if seeking): No writing designation

A minimum grade of C is required for general education credit.

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Course Description

Coastlines, home to much of the world's population, economy, and important ecosystems, are changing in critical ways due to rising seas. This course examines the complex relationship between humans and coastlines by asking the pressing question, "How will humanity adapt to sea level rise?" Students will connect the science of sea level rise and coastal change to impacts on infrastructure, ecosystems, and society. Students will explore multiple facets of sea level rise through place-based learning, investigating cross-disciplinary topics such as the physical drivers and consequences of sea level rise, mitigation techniques, and adaptation, using examples from our home state of Florida. Students will examine how social inequities within the United States exacerbate the disproportionate impacts of sea level rise, and how existing policies and adaptation strategies may perpetuate inequity. Students will consider the transformative shifts that will be necessary in current decision-making to develop resilient, sustainable, and equitable coastal futures. Students will explore these themes through in-class discussions and activities, experiential learning, and reflections on theirs and others' relationship with the coast.

Course Delivery

This course will be delivered in a Hyflex format, with both synchronous live and online sections on Tuesdays and entirely virtual sections on Thursdays. Each week will include lectures, readings, activities, and discussions. Tuesday's class is a double period and will usually include a lecture to provide background information on subject material and a hands-on, follow up individual or group activity to reinforce concepts learned during the lecture. Thursday's class will be online for everyone and focuses on student-lead discussions on key literature topics which strengthens the learning from the previous day. In-class activities will include quantitative and geospatial data analysis, role play scenarios, and investigations into local coastal adaptation plans. Place-based learning is emphasized, and Florida examples will be provided whenever relevant to the subject material.

General Education Objectives

This course is a Physical Science (P) and Diversity (D) subject area course in the UF General Education Program.

Physical Science (P)

Physical science courses provide instruction in the basic concepts, theories and terms of the scientific method in the context of the physical sciences. Courses focus on major scientific developments and their impacts on society, science and the environment, and the relevant processes that govern physical systems. Students will formulate empirically-testable hypotheses derived from the study of physical processes, apply logical reasoning skills through scientific criticism and argument, and apply techniques of discovery and critical thinking to evaluate outcomes of experiments.

Diversity (D)

In Diversity courses, students examine the historical processes and contemporary experiences characterizing social and cultural differences within the United States. Students engage with diversity as a dynamic concept related to human differences and their intersections, such as (but not limited to) race, gender identity, class, ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, and (dis)abilities. Students critically analyze and evaluate how social inequities are constructed and affect the opportunities and constraints across the US population. Students analyze and reflect on the ways in which cultures and beliefs mediate their own and other people's understandings of themselves and an increasingly diverse U.S. society.

Required & Recommended Course Materials (to purchase/rent)

Materials and Supplies Fees: n/a

Required:

Rush, Elizabeth, 2019, *Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore*, Edition 1, Milkweed Editions, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

All other readings will be provided in class or as .pdf format on canvas.

Recommended:

II. Coursework & Schedule

1. List of Graded Work

Assignment	Description	Requirements	Points (Percent)
Learning Check-Point Quizzes	Most weeks students will complete a 5 question, multiple choice quiz on Canvas that will test their understanding of the readings and lecture material (10 points each).	12 weekly quizzes, lowest score dropped Due by 11:59pm on Friday	110 (11%)
Class Participation and Discussions	All students are expected to participate in class discussions according to the course guidelines. A rubric for class participation can be found below.	Students are expected to attend/participate in every class.	84 (8.4%)
Discussion Prep	Thursday's class will focus on discussion of weekly reading material. Students will submit 3-4 key takeaways or main points and 1-2 questions from the required literature they have reviewed at least one hour prior to Thursday's class.	3-4 main points/key takeaways 1-2 questions Due one hour prior to Thursday's class	26 (2.6%)
Leading Discussions	Students will participate fully in discussions and will lead specific discussions in pairs or groups by presenting a short summary of the discussion topic (<10 minutes) and introducing discussion questions based on the provided readings for the class to explore. Students will be assigned dates and specific discussion topics to lead once the number of students in the class is finalized.	Develop a power point presentation and discussion focused questions Each student will co-lead 2-3 discussions	80 (8%)
In-class Activities	Most weeks have an activity to complete. Students are welcome to work with a partner or individually. Activities will introduce hands-on learning concepts and usually focus on place-based material (20 points each).	11 weekly in-class activities, lowest score dropped Due Friday by noon	200 (20%)

	<p>In-Class activity responses must be turned in by Friday.</p> <p>**All members of a group will receive the same score for graded group activities and projects unless otherwise noted in the activity.</p>		
Guided Reflections	<p>During the semester, students will reflect on their own experiences and uses of the coastline. Students will also read excerpts from the book “Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore” to reflect on others’ personal narratives about sea level rise impacts on their homes and families. Students will write four reflections during the term (not including their final reflection) following prompts from the instructor (25 pts each).</p>	<p>4 total</p> <p>Due dates in syllabus</p>	<p>100 (10%)</p>
Midterm	<p>During week 7, students will have a short answer, open book midterm focused on the physical processes that drive sea level and landscape change across different environments (weeks 1-6).</p>	<p>Short-answer, open book</p>	<p>100 (10%)</p>
Final Project	<p>While this course will describe a few examples of sea level rise impacts on coastlines and people, students will use the final project as an opportunity to more thoroughly explore sea level rise impacts on society through a research topic of their own interest.</p> <p>At the beginning of the semester, students will choose a topic that they are interested in researching during the term. Topic suggestions will be provided by the instructor and may include, human health, national security, cultural sites, species migration and extinction. Students will research A) how sea level rise may impact the system, B) who may be concerned about these impacts (e.g., stakeholders at the table), C) implications for inequity and the</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Topic Choice (due week 3; 10 pts; 1%) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. With topic selection, write a 100-200 word paragraph about how you think sea level rise might impact this topic 2) Project Outline (due week 8; 30 pts; 3%) 3) Draft Paper (due week 12; 50 pts; 5%) 4) Peer Review of 2 classmate’s drafts (due week 13, 25 pts each, 50 pts, 5%) 5) Final Paper (due week 15; 140 pts; 14%) 	<p>300 (30%)</p>

	<p>broader community including specific locations in Florida, D) adaptation suggestions, and E) what they believe the best option is.</p> <p>Stages of project development will be graded and returned to the student to ensure progress. The final paper documenting their research topic is due Finals week. Students will submit their final reflection with their paper. This reflection is focused on how their relationship with the coast may change in the future.</p>	<p>a. Final paper should be at least 2000 words.</p> <p>6) Reflection (due week 16; 20 pts; 2%)</p> <p>a. 200-300 words</p>	
Total			1000 pts

2. Weekly Course Schedule (add/remove rows as needed)

* Students should note that the syllabus is a guideline and that there may be changes to the class schedule

Week/ Date	Theme	Activity	Topic/Assignment (Question/Subject)	Assigned Work Due
Week 1	The Science of Sea Level Rise	Topic	<i>Introduction the course; how do we know sea level is rising?</i> Introduction to the course. We will explore how observations from tide gauges and satellite altimetry illustrate present-day sea level rise.	
		Readings/Works	Syllabus Rush, Elizabeth, 2019, <i>Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore</i> . The Password, pg 1-15 Nicholls, R. J., & Cazenave, A. (2010). Sea-level rise and its impact on coastal zones. <i>science</i> , 328(5985), 1517-1520. Church, J. A., & White, N. J. (2011). Sea-level rise from the late 19th to the early 21st century. <i>Surveys in Geophysics</i> , 32(4-5), 585-602. Dusto, A. (2014), Reading between the tides: 200 years of measuring global sea level Sea Level Rise, Chapter 19, Florida's Climate: Changes, Variations, and Impacts , pg 558 – 559	
		Assignment	In-Class Activity Key Takeaways/Discussion Questions	Friday Thursday

Week/ Date	Theme	Activity	Topic/Assignment (Question/Subject)	Assigned Work Due
			Reflection #1: Your relationship with the coast	Wednesday
Week 2		Topic	<i>Why is sea level rising?</i> We will explore the main drivers of global and regional sea level change including thermal expansion, ice sheet and glacier loss, and oceanographic and geological processes.	
		Readings/Works	Sea Level Rise, Chapter 19, Florida's Climate: Changes, Variations, and Impacts , pg 559 – 5 Edwards, T. L., Brandon, M. A., Durand, G., Edwards, N. R., Golledge, N. R., Holden, P. B., ... & Wernecke, A. (2019). Revisiting Antarctic ice loss due to marine ice-cliff instability. <i>Nature</i> , 566(7742), 58-64. DeConto, R. M., & Pollard, D. (2016). Contribution of Antarctica to past and future sea-level rise. <i>Nature</i> , 531(7596), 591-597.	
		Assignment	Key Takeaways/Discussion Questions In-Class Activity Quiz 1	Thursday Friday Friday
Week 3		Topic	<i>How has sea level changed in the past?</i> We will explore past climate-driven global fluctuations of sea level in the past and how past sea level is inferred through geological and biological proxies.	
		Readings/Works	Rush, Elizabeth, 2019, <i>Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore</i> . Persimmons, pg 19-41	

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			Sea Level Rise, Chapter 19, Florida's Climate: Changes, Variations, and Impacts , pg 562-569 Dutton, A., Carlson, A. E., Long, A., Milne, G. A., Clark, P. U., DeConto, R., ... & Raymo, M. E. (2015). Sea-level rise due to polar ice-sheet mass loss during past warm periods. <i>science</i> , 349(6244), aaa4019.	
		Assignment	Topic Choice Key Takeaways/Discussion Questions In-Class Activity Quiz 2	Tuesday Thursday Friday Friday
		Topic	<i>How will sea level change in the future?</i> We will explore future sea level rise projections, including the range of sea level rise due to the uncertainty in mechanisms driving change. We will compare global sea level change to sea level change in our home state of Florida.	
Week 4		Readings/Works	Sweet, W. V., Kopp, R. E., Weaver, C. P., Obeysekera, J., Horton, R. M., Thieler, E. R., & Zervas, C. (2017). Global and regional sea level rise scenarios for the United States . Chapters 3 – 5. Bamber, J. L., Oppenheimer, M., Kopp, R. E., Aspinall, W. P., & Cooke, R. M. (2019). Ice sheet contributions to future sea-level rise from structured expert judgment. <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i> , 116(23), 11195-11200. Sea Level Rise, Chapter 19, Florida's Climate: Changes, Variations, and Impacts , pg 570-575	
		Assignment	Key Takeaways/Discussion Questions	Thursday Friday

Week/ Date	Theme	Activity	Topic/Assignment (Question/Subject)	Assigned Work Due
			In-Class Activity Quiz 3	Friday
Week 5	Assessing Vulnerability and Risk	Topic	<i>Sea level rise impacts on the environment: Beaches, barriers, and islands</i> We will explore how beaches, barriers and islands respond to sea level change. Topics discussed include coastal morphology, coastal erosion, and barrier island roll over, as well as vulnerable species at risk of habitat loss.	
		Readings/Works	Leatherman, S. P. (1983). Barrier dynamics and landward migration with Holocene sea-level rise. <i>Nature</i> , 301(5899), 415-417. Webb, A. P., & Kench, P. S. (2010). The dynamic response of reef islands to sea-level rise: Evidence from multi-decadal analysis of island change in the Central Pacific. <i>Global and Planetary Change</i> , 72(3), 234-246.	
		Assignment	Key Takeaways/Discussion Questions In-Class Activity Quiz 4	Thursday Friday Friday
Week 6	Assessing Vulnerability and Risk	Topic	<i>Sea level rise impacts on the environment: Marshes, Mangroves, and Wetlands</i> We will explore how marshes, mangroves, and coral reefs respond to sea level change. Topics discussed will include intertidal zones, sedimentation, habitat migration, and coastal squeeze.	
		Readings/Works	Rush, Elizabeth, 2019, <i>Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore</i> . Milkweed Editions. The Marsh at the End of the World, pg 47-66	

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			Kirwan, M. L., Temmerman, S., Skeehan, E. E., Guntenspergen, G. R., & Fagherazzi, S. (2016). Overestimation of marsh vulnerability to sea level rise. <i>Nature Climate Change</i> , 6(3), 253-260. Gray, W., 2013. The Potential Effects of Sea Level Rise on Florida's Coastal Ecosystems, Florida Sea Grant College Program, UF/IFAS Extension.	
		Assignment	Key Takeaways/Discussion Questions In-Class Activity Quiz 5	Thursday Friday Friday
		Topic	<i>Sea level rise impacts on society: humans and the coast; chronic erosion, sunny-day flooding, saltwater intrusion</i> We will define risk and explore how humans have inhabited and utilized the coast over time and the consequences of development along a dynamic coastline. We will begin discussing how increases to sea level have increased the frequency of erosion and flooding and what this means for infrastructure along the coast.	
Week 7		Readings/Works	Rush, Elizabeth, 2019, <i>Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore</i> . Pulse, pg 71-97 Gillis, J. Flooding of Coast, Caused by Global Warming, Has Already Begun . The New York Times Ted Talk " John Englander, Sea Level Rise: Fact and Fiction "	
		Assignment	** Visit Florida Museum of Natural History, "South Florida People & Environments" exhibit by this week!** [This experience is subject to change for Spring 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.]	

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			Reflection #2: With your visit to the Florida Museum of Natural History in mind, reflect on the sustainability of different coastal practices. How do different coastal inhabitants and cultures use the coast in ways that compare and contrast to present-day usage? Midterm Exam	Tuesday Thursday
Week 8		Topic	<i>Sea level rise impact on society: humans and the coast; chronic erosion, sunny-day flooding, saltwater intrusion</i> We will continue to explore the consequences of rising seas on public and private infrastructure as well as the economy, including tourism.	
		Readings/Works	Ray, R. D., & Foster, G. (2016). Future nuisance flooding at Boston caused by astronomical tides alone. <i>Earth's Future</i> , 4(12), 578-587. Alvarez, L. and Robles, F. (2016), Intensified by Climate Change, King Tides Change Way of Life in Florida . The New York Times Urbina, I., (2016), Perils of Climate Change Could Swamp Coastal Real Estate . The New York Times	
		Assignment	Final Project Outline Key Takeaways/Discussion Questions	Tuesday Thursday Friday

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			In-Class Activity Quiz 6	Friday
Week 9		Topic	<i>Sea level rise impacts on society: human vulnerability</i> We will explore human vulnerability to sea level rise by evaluating who is exposed to flooding. We will use the Social Vulnerability Index to consider the disproportionate impacts of sea level rise through an equity lens with a focus on income and race.	
		Readings/Works	Rush, Elizabeth, 2019, <i>Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore</i> . On Vulnerability, pg 133-135 Rush, Elizabeth, 2019, <i>Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore</i> . Risk, pg 137-161 Cutter, S. L., Boruff, B. J., & Shirley, W. L. (2003). Social vulnerability to environmental hazards. <i>Social science quarterly</i> , 84(2), 242-261. Hobbs, S. and Dennis, R., 2020, Flooding intensifies Charleston region's racial and wealth inequities . The Post and Courier	
		Assignment	Key Takeaways/Discussion Questions In-Class Activity Quiz 7	Thursday Friday Friday

Week/ Date	Theme	Activity	Topic/Assignment (Question/Subject)	Assigned Work Due
Week 10	Choices for Living with the Sea	Topic	<p><i>Adaptation and mitigation: Hard and Soft solutions</i></p> <p>We will explore the contemporary terms “accommodate” and “protect” as strategies for combating sea level rise in coastal areas. We will discuss seawalls, beach nourishment, raising infrastructure, and natural solutions.</p>	
		Readings/Works	<p>Rush, Elizabeth, 2019, <i>Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore</i>. On Restoration, pg 206-210</p> <p>Sutton-Grier, A. E., Wowk, K., & Bamford, H. (2015). Future of our coasts: The potential for natural and hybrid infrastructure to enhance the resilience of our coastal communities, economies and ecosystems. <i>Environmental Science & Policy</i>, 51, 137-148.</p> <p>Guannel, G., Arkema, K., Ruggiero, P., & Verutes, G. (2016). The power of three: coral reefs, seagrasses and mangroves protect coastal regions and increase their resilience. <i>PloS one</i>, 11(7).</p> <p>Ted Talk, “Kotchakorn Voraakhom: How To Transform Sinking Cities Into Landscapes That Fight Floods”</p>	
		Assignment	<p>Key Takeaways/Discussion Questions</p> <p>In-Class Activity</p> <p>Quiz 8</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>Friday</p>
Week 11		Topic	<p><i>Adaptation and mitigation: Managed retreat/Migration</i></p> <p>We will explore the contemporary term “retreat” as a strategy for combating sea level rise in coastal areas. We will focus on examples of recent cases of managed retreat such as in Isle de Jean Charles, LA. We will discuss how sea level rise may</p>	

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			exacerbate spatial inequality and highlight locations in Florida such as Miami and the Florida Keys.	
		Readings/Works	<p>Rush, Elizabeth, 2019, <i>Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore</i>. On Reckoning, pg 93-97</p> <p>Rush, Elizabeth, 2019, <i>Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore</i>. On Opportunity, pg 162-165</p> <p>Rush, Elizabeth, 2019, <i>Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore</i>. Goodbye Cloud Reflections in the Bay, pg 167-180</p> <p>Siders, A.R. (2019). Social justice implications of US managed retreat. <i>Climatic Change</i>, 152, 239-257.</p> <p>Baurick, T., 2019 Retreating from rising sea, state completes purchase of Isle De Jean Charles relocation site, The Times-Picayune</p> <p>Sack, K. & Schwartz., J. 2018. Left to Louisiana's Tides, a Village Fights for Time. The New York Times</p>	
		Assignment	<p>Key Takeaways/Discussion Questions</p> <p>In-Class Activity</p> <p>Quiz 9</p> <p>Reflection #3: Reflection on managed retreat</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>Friday</p>
Week 12		Topic	<p><i>Adaptation and mitigation: Assessing costs and benefits</i></p> <p>We will explore the costs and benefits of different adaptation and mitigation techniques. We will consider cost-benefit analysis, positive and negative</p>	

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			feedbacks, and longevity of projects in an uncertain future. We will explore how traditional risk assessments and cost-benefit analysis often leave out social vulnerability.	
	Planning for an Equitable and Sustainable future	Readings/Works	<p>Rush, Elizabeth, 2019, <i>Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore</i>. Looking Backward and Forward in Time, pg 213-251</p> <p>Narayan, S., Beck, M. W., Reguero, B. G., Losada, I. J., Van Wesenbeeck, B., Pontee, N., ... & Burks-Copes, K. A. (2016). The effectiveness, costs and coastal protection benefits of natural and nature-based defences. <i>PloS one</i>, 11(5).</p> <p>Hinkel, J., Lincke, D., Vafeidis, A. T., Perrette, M., Nicholls, R. J., Tol, R. S., ... & Levermann, A. (2014). Coastal flood damage and adaptation costs under 21st century sea-level rise. <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i>, 111(9), 3292-3297.</p> <p>Martinich, J., Neumann, J., Ludwig, J. & Jantarasami, L. (2013). Risk of sea level rise to disadvantaged communities in the United States. <i>Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies for Global Change</i>, 18, 169-185.</p> <p>Flavelle, C., 2020. A climate plan in Texas focuses on minorities. Not everyone likes it. The New York Times</p>	
		Assignment	<p>Final Project Draft</p> <p>Key Takeaways/Discussion Questions</p> <p>In-Class Activity</p> <p>Quiz 10</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Thursday</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>Friday</p>

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Week 13		Topic	<p><i>Decision-making and sea level rise</i></p> <p>We will explore the question, “who decides how to prepare for sea level rise?” with a role playing scenario. Topics discussed include the difficulty in making decisions, including what sea level rise scenario to choose to plan for, what stakeholders are at the table, etc. Students will participate in a role play exercise (adapted from the “Sea Level Rise Adaptation Strategy Role Play Game” by Dr. Dawn Jourdan and Briana Ozor) to show the complexities involved with merging science with decisions.</p>	
		Readings/Works	<p>Rush, Elizabeth, 2019, <i>Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore</i>, Gratitude, pg 42-45</p> <p>Kopp, R. E., Gilmore, E. A., Little, C. M., Lorenzo-Trueba, J., Ramenzoni, V. C., & Sweet, W. V. (2019). Usable Science for Managing the Risks of Sea-Level Rise. <i>Earth's Future</i>.</p> <p>von Winterfeldt, D. (2013). Bridging the gap between science and decision making. <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i>, 110(Supplement 3), 14055-14061.</p>	
		Assignment	<p>Peer Review due</p> <p>Key Takeaways/Discussion Questions</p> <p>In-Class Role Play Activity</p> <p>Quiz 11</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Thursday</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>Friday</p>
Week 14		Topic	<p><i>Planning for a sustainable and equitable future</i></p> <p>We will explore how the most vulnerable populations are being considered in current climate planning if at all? We will use examples such as Boston Climate Ready and Adapting to Rising Tides in San Francisco to understand how social</p>	

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			vulnerability is implemented across different planning efforts and explore how these themes may be considered in planning across Florida.	
		Readings/Works	Rush, Elizabeth, 2019, <i>Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore</i> , Afterward pg 253-264 Bick et al., in review, Rising seas, rising inequity? Communities at risk in the San Francisco Bay Area and implications for adaptation policy. Hard, R.D., Milligan, R.A., and Heynen, N. (2017) Racial coastal formation: The environmental injustice of colorblind adaptation planning for sea level rise. <i>Geoforum</i> . 87, 62-72.	
		Assignment	Reflection #4: Reflection on decision-making activity Key Takeaways/Discussion Questions In-Class Activity Quiz 12	Tuesday Thursday Friday
Week 15		Topic	<i>The future of the Florida coast, final reflections and questions</i> We will recap the course and discuss open questions in the field of sea level rise, coastal science, adaptation, and resilience.	
		Readings/Works		
		Assignment	Final paper due	Wednesday
Finals Week		Final	Final Reflection Due	

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III. Grading

3. Statement on Attendance and Participation

Attendance and Participation:

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/>

- **Attendance:** will be taken during each class meeting and recorded. Attendance and participation are critical to successful completion of this course. Students are allowed one “personal day” for the semester, after which each absence that does not meet university criteria for “excused” will result in a one-point deduction from their final grade.
- **Participation:** Consistent informed, thoughtful, and considerate class participation is expected and will be evaluated using the rubric below. I will inform you of your participation grade to date when mid-term exams are returned.
- **Note:** If you have personal issues that prohibit you from joining freely in class discussion, e.g., shyness, language barriers, etc., see the instructor as soon as possible to discuss alternative modes of participation.

Participation Grading Rubric:

	High Quality	Average	Needs Improvement
Informed: Shows evidence of having done the assigned work.	2	1.25	0.5
Thoughtful: Shows evidence of having understood and considered issues raised.	2	1.25	0.5
Considerate: Takes the perspective others into account.	2	1.25	0.5

4. Grading Scale

For information on how UF assigns grade points, visit: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/>

A	93.5 – 100% of possible points		C	73.5 – 76.5%
A-	89.5 – 93.5%		C-	79.5 – 73.5%
B+	86.5 – 89.5%		D+	66.5 – 69.5%
B	83.5 – 86.5%		D	63.5 – 66.5%
B-	79.5 – 83.5%		D-	59.5 – 63.5%
C+	76.5 – 79.5%		E	<59.5

IV. Quest Learning Experiences

5. Details of Experiential Learning Component

Students are expected to visit the Florida Museum of Natural History’s “South Florida People & Environments” exhibit on their own time before Week 7 (while there they also might want to check out “Northwest Florida: Waterways & Wildlife!”) This exhibit documents how the Calusa, the indigenous nation of south Florida, adapted to living along the coast. Students will use this experience to compare and contrast how past cultures used coastlines with contemporary coastal uses. We will discuss this trip in class Week 7 before the midterm. ****This experience is subject to change for Spring 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.****

During the term, students will read excerpts from the text *Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore* that are complementary to weekly course material. This text provides narratives of coastal change through a diverse set of perspectives. In class, students will use a variety of real data sets for quantitative analysis of physical processes and consider real adaptation plans for communities within Florida and across the United States.

6. Details of Self-Reflection Component

Over the course, students will reflect on their perceptions of sea level rise and how it impacts their daily lives, as well as the lives of others around them. Through guided prompts, students are encouraged to think about their relationship with the coastline and how sea level rise may alter that relationship. The experiential learning components, visiting the Florida Museum of Natural History to view past cultural use of SE Florida, as well as reading the text *Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore* will engage

students in viewing ties to the coastlines across different cultures and socio-economic backgrounds in ways that may be different than their own.

V. General Education and Quest Objectives & SLOs

7. This Course's Objectives—Gen Ed Primary Area and Quest

Physical Sciences + Quest 2 + Course Objectives

Physical Sciences Objectives →	Quest 2 Objectives →	This Course's Objectives → (This course will....)	Objectives will be Accomplished By: (This course will accomplish the objective in the box at left by...)
Physical science courses provide instruction in the basic concepts, theories and terms of the scientific method in the context of the physical sciences.	Address in relevant ways the history, key themes, principles, terminologies, theories, or methodologies of the various social or biophysical science disciplines that enable us to address pressing questions and challenges about human society and/or the state of our planet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course will explore the drivers of long-term sea level change, how sea level rise is measured, and how sea level will continue to change in the future. This course will identify how sea level rise drives environmental change, altering landscapes, habitats, and ecosystems. 	<p>... examining rates of global and regional sea level rise from observed satellite, tide gauge, and geologic proxy datasets.</p> <p>... evaluating the mechanisms for coastal landscape evolution and evidence for recent coastal changes.</p>
Courses focus on major scientific developments and their impacts on society, science and the environment,	Present different social and/or biophysical science methods and theories and consider how their biases and influences shape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course will explore the uncertainty in the future rate and magnitude of sea 	... examining a range of mechanisms driving sea level change and the uncertainty in

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and the relevant processes that govern physical systems.	pressing questions about the human condition and/or the state of our planet.	<p>level rise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course will explore how sea level rise-driven physical changes to coastal systems impact society. 	<p>future projections.</p> <p>... evaluating the risk sea level rise poses to habitats, infrastructure, the economy, and the social well-being of coastal communities.</p>
Students will formulate empirically-testable hypotheses derived from the study of physical processes, apply logical reasoning skills through scientific criticism and argument, and apply techniques of discovery and critical thinking to evaluate outcomes of experiments.	Enable students to analyze and evaluate (in writing and other forms of communication appropriate to the social and/or biophysical sciences) qualitative or quantitative data relevant to pressing questions concerning human society and/or the state of our planet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course will explore the benefits and consequences of sea level rise mitigation and adaptation options. This course will demonstrate the complexities of decision making in an uncertain future 	<p>...determining the range of solutions available for sustainable coastal futures using case studies along the Florida coast.</p> <p>... evaluating adaptation plans from real world communities.</p>
	Analyze critically the role social and/or the biophysical sciences play in the lives of individuals and societies and the role they might play in students' undergraduate degree programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course will examine sea level rise from a variety of perspectives, including that of the student and of scientists, engineers, land use managers, local governments, and residents 	<p>...reflecting on others' relationship with the coast across varying cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds.</p>
	Explore or directly reference social and/or biophysical science resources outside the classroom and explain how engagement with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course will engage students in historical and contemporary issues surrounding coastal change 	<p>...encouraging a visit to the local natural history museum and using real world case studies in</p>

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	those resources complements classroom work.		the classroom, like local adaptation plans.

8. This Course's Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)—Gen Ed Primary Area and Quest

Physical Sciences + Quest 2 + Course SLOs

	Physical Sciences SLOs → Students will be able to...	Quest 2 SLOs → Students will be able to...	This Course's SLOs → Students will be able to...	Assessment Student competencies will be assessed through...
Content	Identify, describe, and explain the basic concepts, theories and terminology of natural science and the scientific method; the major scientific discoveries and the impacts on society and the environment; and the relevant processes that govern biological and physical systems.	Identify, describe, and explain the cross-disciplinary dimensions of a pressing societal issue or challenge as represented by the social sciences and/or biophysical sciences incorporated into the course.	Identify, describe, and explain how sea level rise is observed in present-day and past records, the processes that drive long-term sea level change, and regional projections of sea level change for Florida. Compare and contrast how sea level rise impacts a variety of landscapes and the techniques humans use to mitigate these changes along developed coastlines.	Learning Check Point Quizzes, In-Class Activities, Midterm Exam, Class Discussions and Participation

	Physical Sciences SLOs → Students will be able to...	Quest 2 SLOs → Students will be able to...	This Course's SLOs → Students will be able to...	Assessment Student competencies will be assessed through...
Critical Thinking	Formulate empirically-testable hypotheses derived from the study of physical processes or living things; apply logical reasoning skills effectively through scientific criticism and argument; and apply techniques of discovery and critical thinking effectively to solve scientific problems and to evaluate outcomes.	Critically analyze quantitative or qualitative data appropriate for informing an approach, policy, or praxis that addresses some dimension of an important societal issue or challenge.	Evaluate and apply science-based principles needed to inform management and policy outcomes designed to manage, adapt, or mitigate impacts from sea level rise.	In-Class Role Play, In-Class Activities, Midterm Exam, Final Project, Class Discussions and Participation
Communication	Communicate scientific knowledge, thoughts, and reasoning clearly and effectively.	Develop and present , in terms accessible to an educated public, clear and effective responses to proposed approaches, policies, or practices that address important societal issues or challenges.	Develop a research project related to how sea level rise will impact a topic of their interest. Present final project results in a tone for a specific stakeholder of interest. Present technical, scientific papers distilled to key points and main message.	Class Discussions and Participation, Final Project and Presentation
Connection	N/A	Connect course content with critical reflection on their intellectual, personal, and professional development at UF and beyond.	Reflect on how they utilize the coastline, how sea level rise may alter those uses, and how their perspective compares to others' with different cultural backgrounds.	Guided Reflections, Experiential Learning Activities

9. Secondary Objectives and SLOs (Optional)

Diversity Objectives (for D co-designation)

Diversity Objectives →	This Course's Objectives → (This course will....)	Objectives will be Accomplished By: (This course will accomplish the objective in the box at left by...)
Students engage with diversity as a dynamic concept related to human differences and their intersections, such as (but not limited to) race, gender identity, class, ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, and (dis)abilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This course will explore the social vulnerability of coastal communities 	... by considering the demographics of coastal areas.
Students critically analyze and evaluate how social inequities are constructed and affect the opportunities and constraints across the US population.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This course will explore how sea level rise-driven physical changes to coastal systems have the potential to impact society disproportionately • This course will explore how inequitable relationships to sea level rise are constructed 	<p>...evaluating the risk sea level rise poses to socially vulnerable communities.</p> <p>...acknowledging disproportionate impacts of present-day policies and long term planning goals.</p>
Students analyze and reflect on the ways in which cultures and beliefs mediate their own and other people's understandings of themselves and an increasingly diverse U.S. society.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This course will explore the ways that different group's relationships with the coast reflect their diverse backgrounds and cultural heritage 	...evaluating sea level rise-induced change through a variety of perspectives.

Diversity Student Learning Outcomes (for D co-designation)

	Diversity SLOs → Students will be able to...	Course SLOs → Students will be able to...	Assessment Student competencies will be assessed through...
Content	Identify, describe, and explain the historical processes and contemporary experiences characterizing diversity as a dynamic concept related to human differences and their intersections, such as (but not limited to) race, gender identity, class, ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, and disability.	Identify, describe, and explain the Social Vulnerability Index and how it can be used to highlight existing spatial inequalities and how this landscape may change Describe the relationship with the coastline across different cultures, and what this means for response to sea level rise.	In-Class Discussions, In Class Activities, Guided Reflection
Critical Thinking	Analyze and evaluate how social inequities are constructed and affect the opportunities and constraints of different groups in the United States. Analyze and reflect on the ways in which cultures and beliefs mediate understandings of an increasingly diverse U.S. society.	Analyze and evaluate how social vulnerability and equity are addressed in sea level rise adaptation planning.	In-Class Discussions, In Class Activities, Guided Reflections, Final Project

VI. Required Policies

10. Students Requiring Accommodation

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center by visiting <https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/>. It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

11. UF Evaluations Process

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

12. University Honesty Policy

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code (<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

13. Counseling and Wellness Center

Contact information for the Counseling and Wellness Center: <https://counseling.ufl.edu/>, 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

14. The Writing Studio

The writing studio is committed to helping University of Florida students meet their academic and professional goals by becoming better writers. Visit the writing studio online at <http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/> or in 2215 Turlington Hall for one-on-one consultations and workshops.