

## Week one overview Fall 2024

- Schedule and due dates for the Course assignments and the Laboratory Assignments are in the Read Me First folder on D2L. They appear in the Syllabus separately, at the end, and as stand-alone Schedule documents. You also have a calendar in this folder showing all due dates for course and lab assignments.
- As you are starting week one, please make sure you go through the entire “Read Me First” section first. There is a quiz due **Wednesday August 27<sup>th</sup>** covering the material in the Read Me First folder, including the syllabus.
- Read Chapters 1 and 2 in the textbook. During this week, you will be viewing 9 short (15 minutes or less) lecture videos that cover Chapters 1 and 2 in your textbook. This is the equivalent of three 50-minute face-to-face lectures. The videos comprise PowerPoint presentations with a voiceover lecture.
- As you watch the video lectures and read the book, you can have the weekly quiz review file for each chapter (in Word format) available. You can answer the questions weekly, as you view/read the material. This review is made directly from the quiz and test material and should serve to help you prepare effectively. If you can define all the vocabulary and answer all of the topical questions, you will be well prepared for each weekly quiz and each test.
- After you have watched the videos, read the chapter, and filled out the review, you will be ready for the content Quiz. There is a quiz available at the beginning of this and each succeeding week covering the weekly chapter(s); the week one quiz is **due Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>**.
- This week you have the first Reading Assignment. During this course you will be reading five selections from four authors who write about the environment in popular literature, interspersed with Discussion Assignments. There is a specific assignment attached to each reading and to each Discussion. This week you will read “The First Morning” from Desert Solitaire by Edward Abbey (**due Thursday September 4<sup>th</sup>**).
- You have no lab assignment this week. Typically, you will have a lab assignment due on Wednesdays. Your first assignment starts next week and is due **Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup>**.
- Communicate with me, when you have questions, at this email address. [rebecca.dodge@msutexas.edu](mailto:rebecca.dodge@msutexas.edu) . Do not use the D2L email address, please.
  - I request that you reference, in the subject line, the course prefix, as well as the week of your inquiry and the area (e.g. “ENSC week five discussion assignments” or “ENSC week seven lecture progress monitor”). This will allow me to identify your needs quickly and respond in a timely manner.
- All assignment due dates can be found in the syllabus, on the class and lab schedules and the calendar in the Read Me First folder, and on the Calendar on D2L.