

Topic #6 Atmospheric Systems and Societies

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Unit Overview

The aims of the ESS course are to enable students to:

1. acquire the knowledge and understandings of environmental systems at a variety of scales
2. apply the knowledge, methodologies, and skills to analyze environmental systems and issues at a variety of scales
3. appreciate the dynamic interconnectedness between environmental systems and societies
4. value the combination of personal, local, and global perspectives in making informed decisions and taking responsible actions on environmental issues
5. be critically aware that resources are finite, and that these could be inequitably distributed and exploited, and that management of these inequities is the key to sustainability
6. develop awareness of the diversity of environmental value systems
7. develop critical awareness that environmental problems are caused and solved by decisions made by individuals and societies that are based on different areas of knowledge
8. engage with the controversies that surround a variety of environmental issues
9. create innovative solutions to environmental issues by engaging actively in local and global contexts

This topic explores the atmosphere is a dynamic system whose equilibrium is essential to life on this planet. Humans have disturbed that equilibrium. Only by understanding the atmosphere's components and its contributions to living things on earth can we learn to protect and reestablish that equilibrium.

STAGE 1- DESIRED RESULTS

Science and Engineering Practices

- Analyzing and Interpreting Data
- Asking Questions and Defining Problems
- Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions
- Developing and Using Models
- Engaging in Argument from Evidence
- Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information
- Planning and Carrying Out Information
- Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking

Cross Cutting Concepts

- Cause and Effect
- Energy and Matter
- Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World
- Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology
- Patterns
- Scale, Proportion, and Quantity
- Stability and Change
- Structure and Functions
- Systems and System Models

Disciplinary Core Ideas

Physical Sciences

- PS1A: Structure and Properties of Matter
- PS1B: Chemical Reactions
- PS1C: Nuclear Processes
- PS2A: Forces and Motion
- PS2B: Types of Interaction

- PS3A: Definitions of Energy
- PS3B: Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer
- PS3C: Relationship Between Energy and Forces
- PS3D: Energy in Chemical Processes and Everyday Life
- PS4A: Wave Properties
- PS4B: Electromagnetic Radiation
- PS4C: Information Technologies and Instrumentation

Life Sciences

- LS1A: Structure and Functions
- LS1B: Growth and Development of Organisms
- LS1C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms
- LS1D: Information Processing
- LS2A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems
- LS2B: Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems
- LS2C: Ecosystems Dynamics, Functioning, and Resilience
- LS2D: Social Interactions and Group Behavior
- LS3A: Inheritance of Traits
- LS3B: Variation of traits
- LS4A: Evidence of Common Ancestry and Diversity
- LS4B: Natural Selection
- LS4C: Adaptation
- LS4D: Biodiversity and Humans

Earth and Space Sciences

- ESS1A: The Universe and its Stars
- ESS1B: Earth and the Solar System
- ESS1C: The History of Planet Earth
- ESS2A: Earth Materials and Systems
- ESS2B: Plate Tectonics and Large-Scale Systems
- ESS2C: The Role of Water in Earth's Surface Processes
- ESS2D: Weather and Climate
- ESS2E: Biogeology
- ESS3A: Natural Resources
- ESS3B: Natural Hazards
- ESS3C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems

- ESS3D: Global Climate Change

Engineering. Technology. and Applications of Science

- ETS1A: Defining and Delimiting an Engineering Problem
- ETS1B: Developing Possible Solutions
- ETS1C: Optimizing the Design Solution

Essential Questions

To what extent have the solutions emerging from this topic been directed at preventing environmental impacts, limiting the extent of the environmental impacts or restoring systems in which environmental impacts have already occurred?

How are the issues addressed in this topic relevant to sustainability or sustainable development?

In which ways might the solutions explored in this topic alter your predictions for the state of human societies and the biosphere decades from now?

Enduring Understanding

- The atmosphere is a dynamic system that is essential to life on Earth.
- The behavior, structure, and composition of the atmosphere influence variations in all ecosystems.
- Stratospheric ozone is a key component of the atmospheric system because it protects living systems from the negative effects of ultraviolet radiation from the Sun.
- Human activities have disturbed the dynamic equilibrium of stratospheric ozone formation.
- Pollution management strategies are being employed to conserve stratospheric ozone.
- The combustion of fossil fuels produces primary pollutants that may generate secondary pollutants and lead to photochemical smog, the levels of which can vary by topography, population density, and climate.
- Photochemical smog has significant impacts on societies and living systems.
- Photochemical smog can be reduced by decreasing human reliance on fossil fuels.

- Acid deposition can impact living systems and the built environment.
- The pollution management of acid deposition often involves cross-border issues.

Students will know...

Abiotic factor, Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), Biodegradable, Biodiversity, Biomass, Biome Biosphere, Biotic factor, Carrying capacity Climax community, Community, Competition, Correlation, Crude birth rate, Crude death rate, Demographic transition, Diversity, Genetic Diversity Habitat Diversity, Diversity index, Species Diversity, Doubling time, Ecological footprint, Ecosystem, Entropy, Environmental impact assessment (EIA), Equilibrium, Eutrophication, Evolution, Feedback, Feedback, negative Feedback, positive, Fertility, Gaia, Global warming, GNP, Greenhouse gases, Habitat, Halogenated, organic gases, Isolation, *K*-strategist, Latitude, LEDC, MEDC, Model, Mutualism, Natural capital, Natural capital, non-renewable, Natural capital, renewable, Natural capital, replenishable, Natural increase, rate of, Niche Parasitism, Plate tectonics, Pollution, Pollution, non-point source Pollution, point source, Population Productivity, gross (GP), Productivity, gross primary (GPP), Productivity-gross secondary (GSP), Productivity-net (NP), Productivity-net primary (NPP), Productivity-net secondary (NSP), Productivity, primary Productivity, secondary, *r*-strategist, Sere Smog, Society, Soil, Soil profile, Speciation Species, Stable equilibrium, Standing crop, Steady-state equilibrium, Succession, Sustainability, System, System-closed System-isolated, System-open, Trophic level, Zonation

Predictable misconceptions

Catastrophic changes on the Earth's surface, like volcanic eruptions and earthquakes, only affect the lithosphere

The ozone hole is directly related to global warming

The Earth can absorb and neutralize any amount of waste and pollution over time

Local people cannot improve their environments; it is out of their hands

Students will be able to...

- Discuss the role of the albedo effect from clouds in regulating global average temperature.
- Outline the role of the greenhouse effect in regulating temperature on Earth.
- Evaluate the role of national and international organizations in reducing the emissions of ozone-depleting substances.

- Evaluate pollution management strategies for reducing photochemical smog.
- Evaluate pollution management strategies for acid deposition.

STAGE 2- EVIDENCE OF LEARNING

Formative Assessment

- 3- Minute Pause
- A-B-C Summaries
- Analogy Prompt
- Choral Response
- Debriefing
- Exit Card / Ticket
- Hand Signals
- Idea Spinner
- Index Card Summaries
- Inside-Outside Circle Discussion (Fishbowl)
- Journal Entry
- Misconception Check
- Observation
- One Minute Essay
- One Word Summary
- Portfolio Check
- Questions & Answers
- Quiz
- Self-Assessment
- Student Conference
- Think-Pair-Share
- Web or Concept Map

Authentic Assessments

- Values and attitude surveys or questionnaires
- Interviews
- Issues-based inquiries to inform decision-making
- Observational fieldwork (natural experiments)
- Field manipulation experiments
- Ecosystem modelling (including mesocosms or bottle experiments)
- Laboratory work
- Models of sustainability
- Use of systems diagrams or other valid holistic modelling approaches
- Elements of environmental impact assessments
- Secondary demographic, development, and environmental data
- Collection of both qualitative and quantitative data

Benchmark Assessments

IB test questions, essays, and case studies.

STAGE 3- LEARNING PLAN

Instructional Map

3rd Marking period

Topic 6: Atmospheric systems and societies

6.1 Introduction to the atmosphere

6.2 Stratospheric ozone

6.3 Photochemical smog

6.4 Acid deposition

Modification/Differentiation of Instruction

Differentiation Strategies for Special Education Students

- Remove unnecessary material, words, etc., that can distract from the content
- Use of off-grade level materials
- Provide appropriate scaffolding
- Limit the number of steps required for completion
- Time allowed
- Level of independence required
- Tiered centers, assignments, lessons, or products
- Provide appropriate leveled reading materials
- Deliver the content in “chunks”
- Varied texts and supplementary materials
- Use technology, if available and appropriate
- Varied homework and products
- Varied questioning strategies
- Provide background knowledge
- Define key vocabulary, multiple-meaning words, and figurative language.
- Use audio and visual supports, if available and appropriate
- Provide multiple learning opportunities to reinforce key concepts and vocabulary
- Meet with small groups to reteach idea/skill
- Provide cross-content application of concepts
- Ability to work at their own pace
- Present ideas using auditory, visual, kinesthetic, & tactile means
- Provide graphic organizers and/or highlighted materials
- Strategy and flexible groups based on formative assessment
- Differentiated checklists and rubrics, if available and appropriate

Differentiation Strategies for Gifted and Talented Students

- Increase the level of complexity
- Decrease scaffolding
- Variety of finished products
- Allow for greater independence
- Learning stations, interest groups

- Varied texts and supplementary materials
- Use of technology
- Flexibility in assignments
- Varied questioning strategies
- Encourage research
- Strategy and flexible groups based on formative assessment or student choice
- Acceleration within a unit of study
- Exposure to more advanced or complex concepts, abstractions, and materials
- Encourage students to move through content areas at their own pace
- After mastery of a unit, provide students with more advanced learning activities, not more of the same activity
- Present information using a thematic, broad-based, and integrative content, rather than just single-subject areas

Differentiated Strategies for ELL Students

- Remove unnecessary materials, words, etc., that can distract from the content
- Provide appropriate scaffolding
- Limit the number of steps required for completion
- Gradually increase the level of independence required
- Tiered centers, assignments, lessons, or products
- Provide appropriate leveled reading materials
- Deliver the content in “chunks”
- Varied texts and supplementary materials, including visuals
- Use technology, if available and appropriate
- Differentiate homework and products
- Varied questioning strategies
- Provide background knowledge
- Define key vocabulary, multiple-meaning words, and figurative language.
- Use audio and visual supports, if available and appropriate
- Provide multiple learning opportunities to reinforce key concepts and vocabulary
- Meet with small groups to reteach idea/skill
- Provide cross-content application of concepts
- Allow students to work at their own pace
- Presenting ideas through auditory, visual, kinesthetic, & tactile means
- Role play
- Provide graphic organizers, highlighted materials
- Strategy and flexible groups based on formative assessment

Differentiation Strategies for At Risk Students

- Remove unnecessary materials, words, etc., that can distract from the content
- Provide appropriate scaffolding
- Limit the number of steps required for completion
- Gradually increase the level of independence required
- Tiered centers, assignments, lessons, or products
- Provide appropriate leveled reading materials
- Deliver the content in “chunks”
- Varied texts and supplementary materials
- Use technology, if available and appropriate
- Differentiate homework and products
- Varied questioning strategies
- Provide background knowledge
- Define key vocabulary, multiple-meaning words, and figurative language
- Use audio and visual supports, if available and appropriate
- Provide multiple learning opportunities to reinforce key concepts and vocabulary
- Meet with small groups to reteach idea/skill
- Provide cross-content application of concepts
- Presenting ideas through auditory, visual, kinesthetic, & tactile means
- Provide graphic organizers and/or highlighted materials
- Strategy and flexible groups based on formative assessment

504 Plans

Students can qualify for 504 plans if they have physical or mental impairments that affect or limit any of their abilities to:

- walk, breathe, eat, or sleep
- communicate, see, hear, or speak
- read, concentrate, think, or learn
- stand, bend, lift, or work

Examples of accommodations in 504 plans include:

- preferential seating
- extended time on tests and assignments
- reduced homework or classwork
- verbal, visual, or technology aids
- modified textbooks or audio-video materials
- behavior management support

- adjusted class schedules or grading
- verbal testing
- excused lateness, absence, or missed classwork
- pre-approved nurse's office visits and accompaniment to visits
- occupational or physical therapy

DI = ppt/air mac, co-operative learning (mixed ability)

ESL students: speaking, reading, writing, peer tutoring

SPEDs: restating, reading aloud, guided questions, additional problems and teacher's observations

Rephrase/Clarify/Repeat Directions

Study Guides

Extended Time on Tests / Assignments

Modify Tests / Assignments

Visual Aides

Word Bank

Use a Calculator

Repeated Drill and Practice

Teacher Notes

Preferential Seating

Oral Directions

Use of Additional Reference Materials

Break Down Assignments into Smaller Tasks

Academic Ability

1. Struggling: Think--Pair-- Share with gifted students.
2. Gifted: Think-- Pair-- Share with struggling students

Modification Strategies

- Cooperative Grouping
- Extended Time
- Frequent Breaks
- Highlighted Text
- Interactive Notebook
- Modified Test
- Oral Directions
- Peer Tutoring
- Preferential Seating
- Re-direct
- Repeated Drill and Practice
- Shortened Assignment
- Teacher Notes
- Tutorials
- Use of Additional Reference Materials
- Use of Audio Resources

Differentiation Strategies

High Preparation

- Alternative Assessments
- Choice Boards
- Games and Tournaments
- Group Investigations
- Guided Reading
- Independent Research / Project
- Interest Groups
- Learning Contracts
- Leveled Rubrics
- Literature Circles
- Multiple Intelligence Options
- Multiple Texts
- Personal Agendas
- Project Based Learning (PBL)
- Stations / Centers
- Think-Tac-Toe
- Tiered Activities / Assignments
- Varying Graphic Organizers

Low Preparation

- Choice of Book / Activity
- Cubing Activities
- Exploration by Interest (using interest inventories)
- Flexible Grouping
- Goal Setting With Student
- Homework Options
- Jigsaw
- Mini Workshops to Re-teach or Extend Skills
- Open-ended Activities
- Think-Pair-Share by Readiness, Interest, or Learning Style
- Use of Collaboration

- Use of Reading Buddies
- Varied Journal Prompts
- Varied Product Choice
- Varied Supplemental Materials
- Work Alone / Together

Horizontal Intergration- Interdisciplinary Connections

See Appendix

Vertical Integration- Discipline Mapping

Students will have been exposed to the Performance Expectations for Life Sciences and Engineering Design outlined in the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) starting in 1st grade through Chemistry, which is offered during the sophomore year of High School. Science classes are designed around the Performance Expectations, Science and Engineering Practices, Disciplinary Core Ideas, and Crosscutting Concepts in the NGSS. In grade 6, students complete a unit on "Diversity of Life". This leads into "Populations and Ecosystems" in grade 7. In grade 8 students study "Human System Interactions" and Heredity and Adaptations." In grade 9 students study Biology, a full year required course, Following Biology in 9th grade students will take Chemistry. After students will be able to chose from Physics, Anatomy and Physiology, Human Impact on the Environment, Forensics and Zoology, IB Environmental Systems and Societies, IB Biology, Physics or Chemistry.

Additional Materials

Kognity (website)

Online Curriculum Center (an IB site)