

ENVR 110 Individual Research Project ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The project will provide students with the opportunity to research a current environmental issue and present their findings to the class.

Written Paper (5 page): The final paper should incorporate an interdisciplinary framework and include the environmental, social/political, and economic dimensions of the issue – along with proposed solutions.

Oral Presentation (10 minute): Each student will provide an overview of their environmental topic and in-depth discussion from one of the three perspectives (Ecological, Social/Political, or Economic).

Assignment Dates

- Feb 3 – Topic Ideas (1st and 2nd and 3rd Choice)
- Feb 15 – One paragraph Summary of IRP, List of Sources (at least six – 2 journal, 2 newspaper, 2 book or report)
- Oral Presentations:
 - March 17, 22: Ecological
 - March 29, 31: Social/Political
 - April 7, 12: Economic
- May 10 – One page summary of IRP, List of sources cited (Books, Journal Articles, Newspaper, Document, Web)
- May 18 – Written Paper Due, 5 Page

Additional Info

- Use a diversity of references (e.g. government documents, journal articles, books, etc.). Personal interviews can also be included.
- Briefly summarize the issue to provide background.
- Include a detailed map as appropriate.
- Discuss the social, cultural, economic, and political ramifications of the issue.
- Discuss alternative solutions then make a recommendation and support it with reliable data.
- For the oral presentation, each student will have 10 minutes to present their findings -- be concise and focus on the significant elements of the environmental issue.
- Each student will be assigned one of the perspectives (Environmental, Social/Political, Economic) to focus their in-depth discussion on.