Welcome to Environmental Conservation!
(Biology 2306)

Hello! I'm Bill Horine, your instructor for this semester. I hope to "hear" from you often. You’ve enrolled in an online course offered by the Biology Department at Alvin Community College.

This will be a very different course from anything you’ve taken in the classroom.

The resources will be

» The textbook:
   *Essentials of Environmental Science*, Cunningham & Cunningham, 3e

» Essential Study Partner Online (click here to take a peek)

» Dozens of online and print articles, essays, and critiques.

» Current News Media

The way you’ll earn a grade will also be quite different. Your grade will be based on:

» Two essays you will write and turn in online dealing with topics in Environmental Science (30 %)

» Journals that you will turn in weekly throughout the course (20 %)

» Three Online Quizzes (30 %)

» Weekly Bulletin Board (BB) posts (minimum 30 total) (20%)
Assignments are listed on their own page linked to the Homepage under the “Assignments” icon . If there’s a piece of information that requires your immediate attention, there will be an entry under the “Alert” icon. The details of these assignments and their due dates will also appear on the Calendar.

A very important part of this course is for you to stay in regular contact with me and this course. If you go two days without logging in and checking for changes, that's too long!

Deadlines are critical in this course and they are firm. The key is to work on an assignment days before its deadline rather than hours or minutes. If circumstances arise that interfere with your participation in the class and you can find no alternative means of continuing, I will suggest that you drop the course and take it again later.

The Internet is so widely available today that there should be no reason for missing a deadline.

Above all, DO YOUR OWN WORK. Using another's work as your own (plagiarism) is a serious matter. Alvin Community College subscribes to Turnitin.com, which is a database of all written assignments that have been turned in by students at hundreds of institutions. The database includes not only paper assignments but electronic assignments and the entire Web. If a student writes a journal or a paper that's copied (or bought) from any of those sources, Turnitin will notify the instructor of that fact and tell him/her exactly what percentage of that paper was plagiarized. Any amount of plagiarism is unacceptable and will result in a failing grade on that assignment and possibly in the course, with suspension from the college being the most serious penalty. If you have any questions, be sure to let me know.
Be sure to check out the "Technical Requirements" page for the course to ensure that there won't be any computer/software compatibility problems.

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