# WELCOME TO NATS 101 INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL CHANGE



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Your should have obtained two (2) handouts when you came in today.

Please fill out the short one and turn it in at to the TA before you leave today.

# This is a General Education / Teaching Team Course





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# Your Teaching Team:

## **Professor:** Dr. Katie Hirschboeck

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Office: 208 West Stadium (yes, the football stadium!)

**Graduate Teaching Assistants** (GTA's)



Rebecca Franklin LINAH

Kanin Routson KELLY

Your Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTA's)







**Elizabeth May** 



## and Undergraduate Preceptors

THIS COULD BE YOU!!

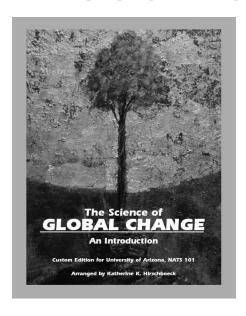






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### "SGC" COURSE LOGISTICS



Required: 2 TEXTBOOKS

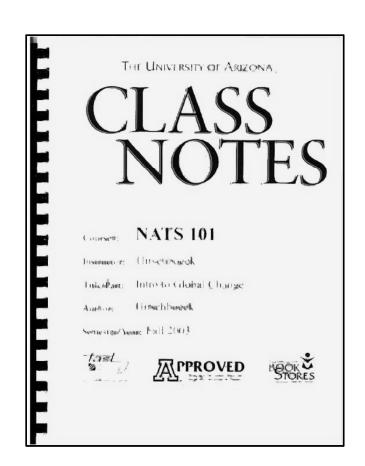
Begin reading Chapter 1 now in "SGC"...

NOTE: assigned readings are listed on the Reading Assignments Schedule. Find it in the online Syllabus & on the course webpage under Quick Links.

Also see the weekly D2L Checklist.

NOTES PACKET which will be available NEXT WEEK in the ASUA Bookstore (go to the *Books Customer Service Kiosk* downstairs)

You'll need it NEXT WEEK! I'll post an announcement in D2L when it is ready for purchase.



# ... Plus a **Turning Tech "CLICKER"**

Also available in the ASUA Bookstore.

You'll need it starting NEXT WEEK!

NOTE: You cannot return these if opened, but you will be able to sell it back at end of semester . . . it's becoming the new "standard" clicker on campus & you should be able to use it in other classes.



Turning Technologies Response Card XR

### How this class will operate:



Class is divided into ~ 20 collaborative learning groups

Most of you are first-year students & non-science majors

## **DURING CLASS TIME:**

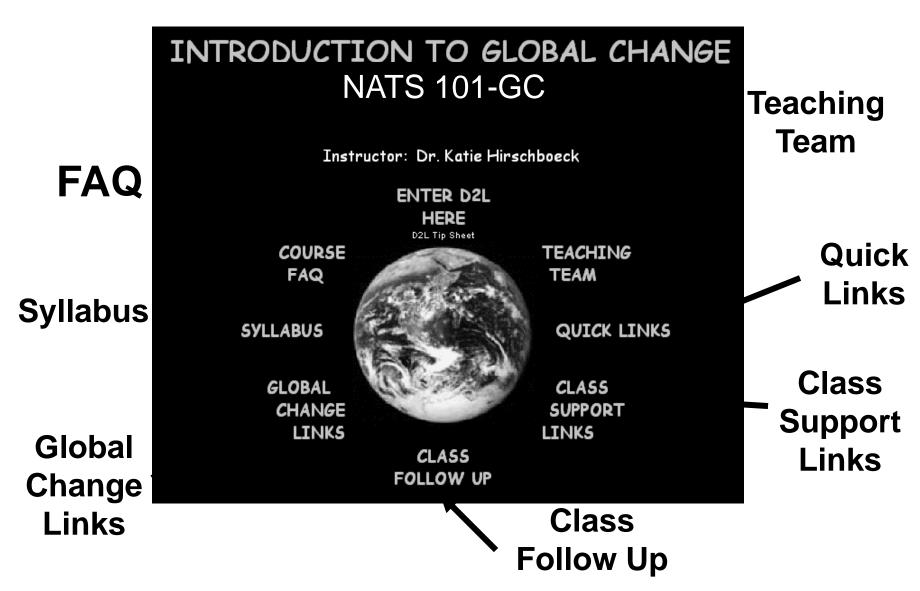
- Lectures
- Learning Aids (videos, clicker Q's demonstrations, etc.)
- In-Class Individual or Group Learning Activities & Assignments
- Tests
- Discussions

## Homework / On Your Own:

- Textbook reading & studying
- D2L Online Activities (Self-checks, online Quizzes, Discussion posts, Mail, Chat room, etc.)
- Individual Assignments (some web-based)

#### **NATS 101-GC Website:**

http://fp.arizona.edu/kkh/nats101gc/



#### **COURSE LOGISTICS: D2L**

"Desire To Learn"
D2L is a web-based online
learning environment equipped
with many learning tools & links.









checklist



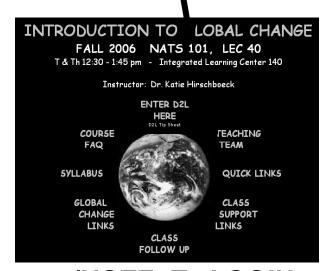




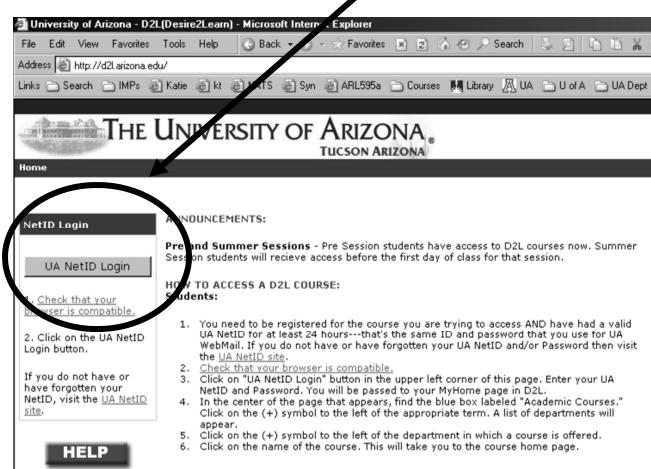




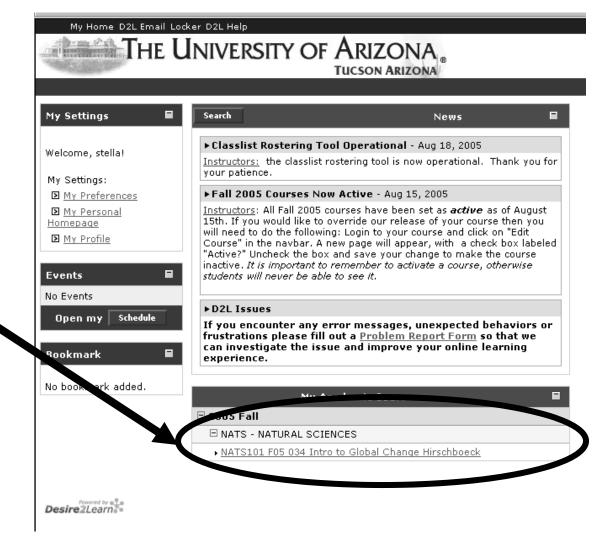
# You can get to D2L via our NATS 101-GC WebPage or directly at: <a href="http://d2l.arizona.edu/">http://d2l.arizona.edu/</a> Then you LOGIN using your UA NetID:



(NOTE: To LOGIN you MUST be registered in the course first!)

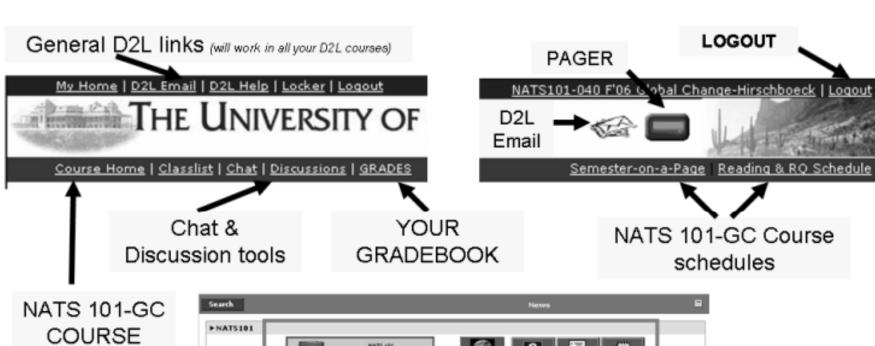


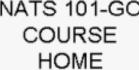
Then click on the course title . . .



### .. and you'll arrive at our D2L Homepage!







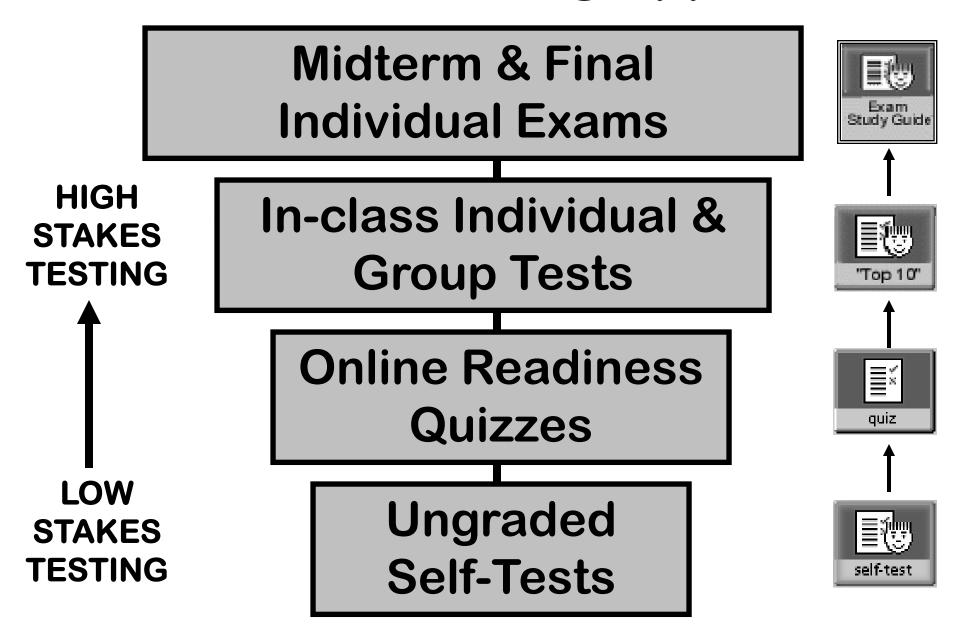
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Main NATS 101-GC Course Tools here

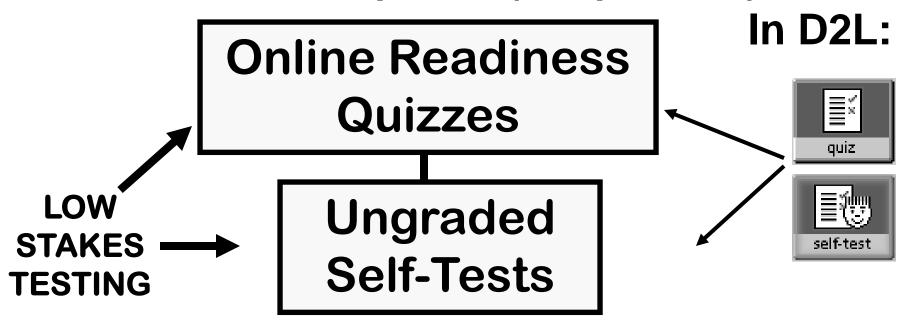
News & Announcements here

Check this daily for the latest news about the class

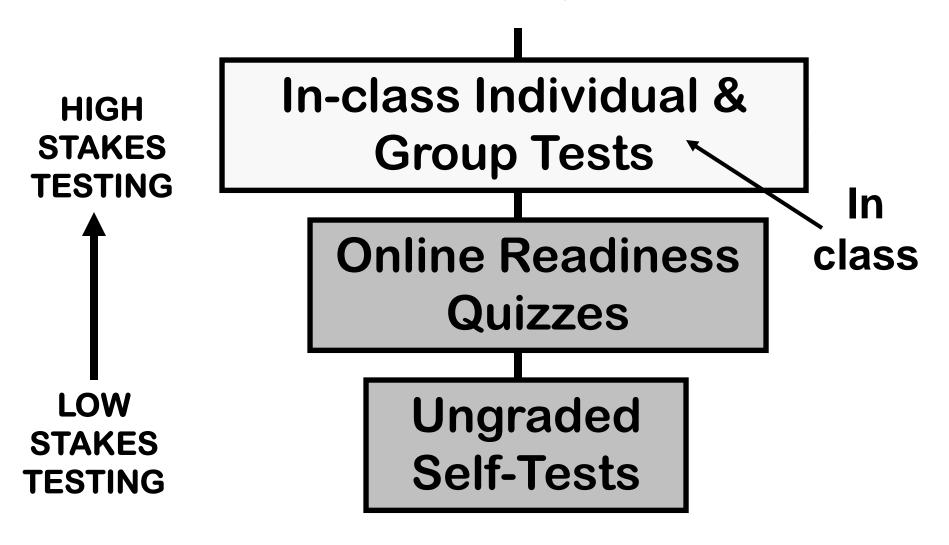


# START OUT WITH UNGRADED SELF-TEST & SHORT ONLINE QUIZ

To give you feedback in your reading comprehension, you'll start with "low stakes" online quizzes (0 - 5pts each)



. . . and then move on to "higher stakes" 25 pt tests on the course material, taken in class:



# Individual in-class testing procedure:

These are short, 10-question quizzes that you'll take after we cover a set of topics in class.

Each question is worth 2 pts = 20 pts for the entire Individual Test.

You'll take it as an individual first . . .

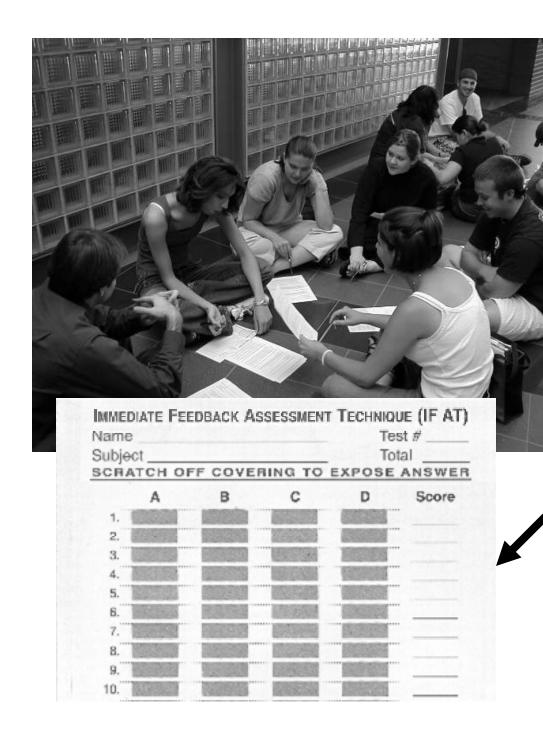
After individual test forms are completed and collected, you'll get into your learning group and take the same test as a

group!



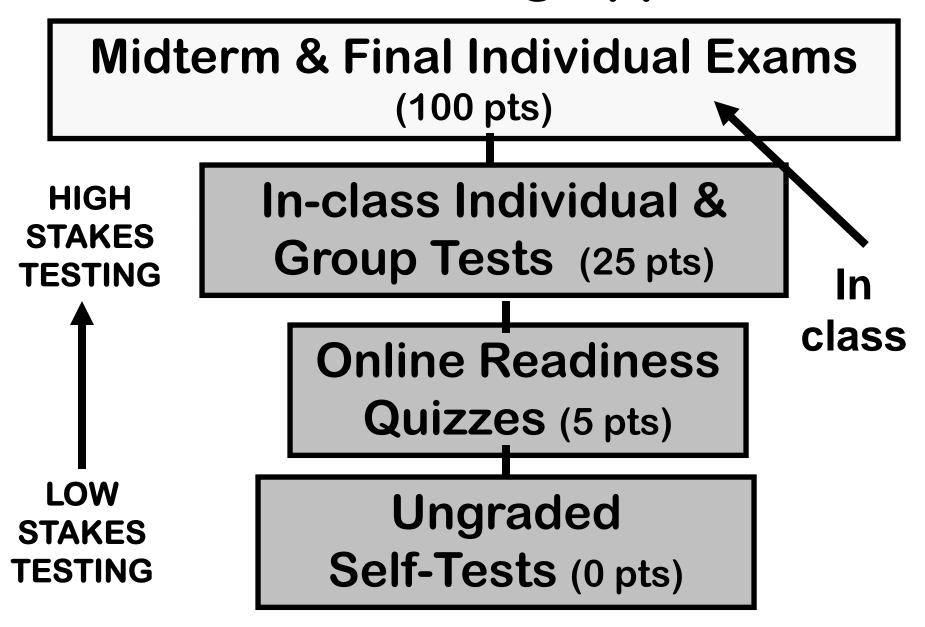
You'll find out your Group Test score IMMEDIATELY after you take it!

How??



With special "IF-AT" forms for "immediate feedback" on your Group Tests & compute your group score yourselves.

The Group Test is worth a total of 5 pts



#### **ABOUT ASSIGNMENTS:**

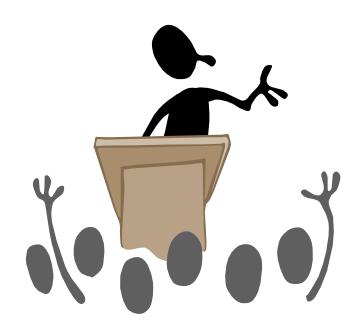


Group
in class
assignments
(5 pts each)



Individual
homework
assignments
(20 pts each + a 30 pt
"Personal Project")

## **QUESTION BREAK!**



# WHAT IS THIS COURSE ALL ABOUT?

# SCIENCE & PHYSICAL SCIENCE CONCEPTS

THE EARTH

HOW & WHY
GLOBAL CHANGES OCCUR

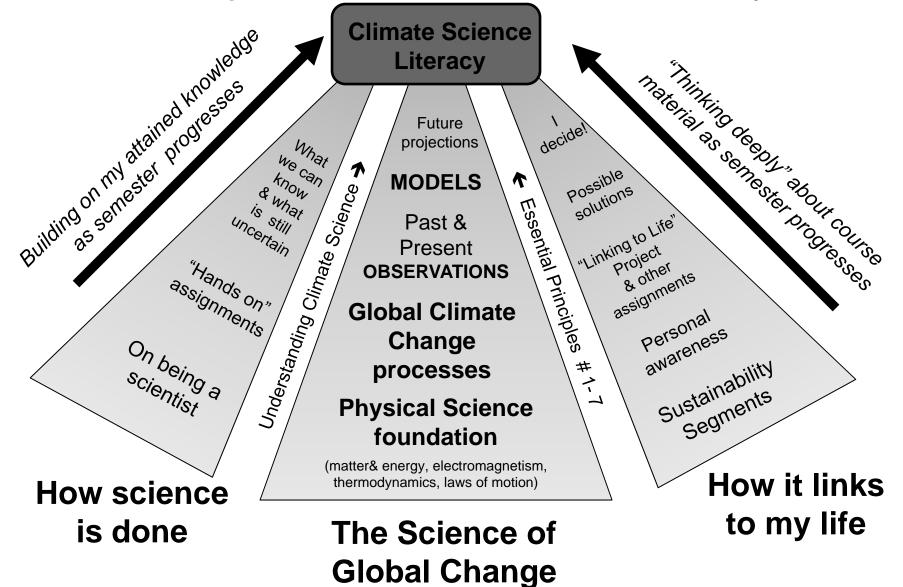
YOUR ROLE AS A CITIZEN OF OUR PLANET

## The goal: "Climate Science Literacy"

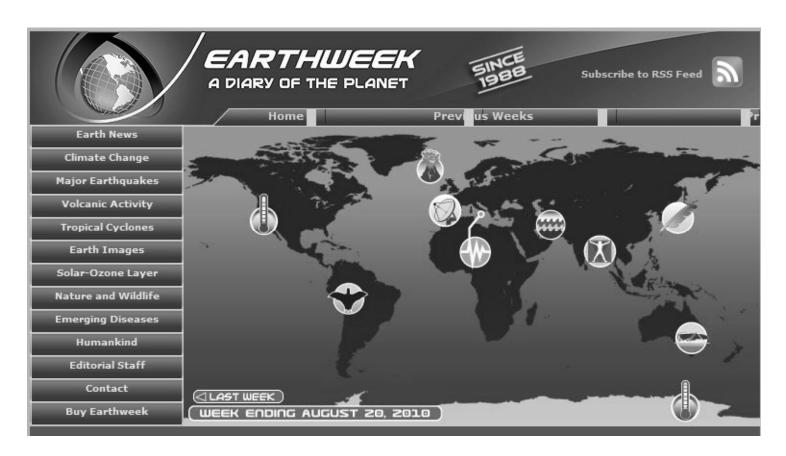
## A climate-literate person:

- understands the essential principles of Earth's climate system,
- knows how to assess scientifically credible information about climate,
- communicates about climate and climate change in a meaningful way, and
- is able to make informed and responsible decisions with regard to actions that may affect climate.

GOAL: Enhanced Understanding Of Global Change Science, How It Operates, & What It Means To Me Personally



# Why study the Earth System & Global Change?



http://www.earthweek.com/



Research vessels surveying the area around the ruptured BP well in the Gulf of Mexico say they have found evidence that methane bubbling from the well is creating oxygen-depleted "dead zones" where fish and other sea creatures can't survive.

Duke University marine biologist Larry Crowder says he found that fish are already being driven from their habitat by "astonishingly high" levels of natural gas escaping from the

"Basically, the fish are moving closer to shore to try to get to better water," said Crowder.

In a conference call with reporters, Samantha Jove of the University of Georgia said the high volume of methane from the leak could upset the ocean food chain.

Joye added that the methane was parking in a 650-foot layer between depths of 3,300 and 4,300 feet in concentrations high enough to deplete oxygen levels.

"We haven't seen zero-oxygen water but there is certainly enough gas in the water to draw oxygen down to zero," she

Methane levels in parts of the Gulf near the BP oil leak have been measured at 100,000 times their normal concentrations by two independent research tea



Some areas of the Gulf of Mexico are becoming so devoid of oxygen due to the spill that fish can no

#### Massive Chunk of Greenland Glacier Breaks Off



A massive chunk of Greenland's Jakobshavn Isbrae glacier broke off into the sea earlier this month, startling scientists who detected the event within hours thanks to satellite images.

The breakup of nearly 3 square miles of ice caused the glacier to retreat inland nearly 1 mile between July 6 and 7, to a point farther from the sea than ever before observed.

Jakobshavn Isbrae is responsible for as much as 10 percent of all ice lost from Greenland, and is believed to be the single largest contributor to sea level rise in the Northern Hemisphere, according to NASA.

The sudden breakup "lends credence to the theory that warming of the oceans is responsible for the ice loss observed throughout Greenland and Antarctica," said Thomas Wagner, a NASA cryospheric scientist.

Wagner said the event is unusual "because it occurs on the heels of a warm winter that saw no sea ice form in the surrounding bay."

The glacier is located on Greenland's west coast and has moved more than 27 miles since 1850. It's moved almost six miles over the past decade.



The steady retreat of Greenland's Jakobshavn Isbrae

Photo: NASA

#### Even More Hot Times Are Coming ... Soon

July 16, 2010



Researchers from Stanford University confirm earlier studies that point to the average temperature reaching  $3.6\,$ degrees Fahrenheit higher within 30 years than it was in the

Noah Diffenbaugh says he and his team also found that the longest heat waves on record that occurred between 1951 and 1999 will likely become five times as frequent between 2020 and 2029.

Writing in the journal Geophysical Research Letters, the researchers caution that the 2030s are likely to become

"By the decade of the 2030s, we see persistent, drier conditions over most of the U.S.," writes Diffenbaugh.

"Not only will the atmosphere heat up from more greenhouse gases, but we also expect changes in the precipitation and soil moisture that are very similar to what we see in hot, dry periods historically," Diffenbaugh added.

Photo: KTS Design - Fotolia



"In the next 30 years, we could see an increase in heat waves like the one now occurring in the eastern United States or the kind that swept across Europe in 2003 that caused tens of thousands of fatalities." — Noah Diffenbaugh

#### Pakistan Flood Disaster Gets Slow Relief Response

August 20, 2010



The unprecedented flooding submerging almost a third of Pakistan has become one of the worst natural disasters of our

The U.N. estimates that as many as 20 million people have lost their homes due to the inundation.

A large number of those victims still have not received any relief assistance from their government or international aid

The U.N. warns that the Pakistan floods have affected far more people than the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami, the 2005 Kashmir earthquake and this year's devastating quake in Haiti.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has described Pakistan's unimaginable flooding as the worst disaster he has ever seen.

Emerging waterborne disease across the flood zone could result in more fatalities than from all those other disasters

"I just don't think the world has realized the magnitude of this now, because ... it doesn't have the drama of an earthquake that impacts a huge number of people all at once," said USAID's regional adviser for South Asia Bill

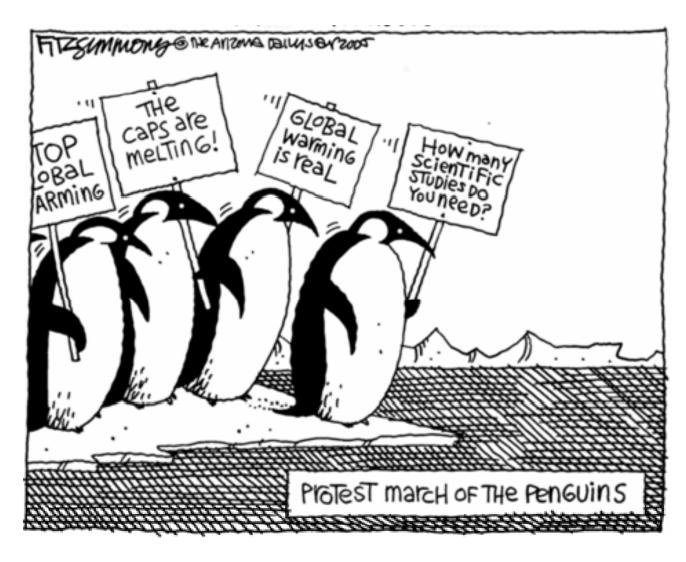


The threat of waterborne disease is mounting daily across the Pakistan flood zone.

# Questions GLOBAL CHANGE SCIENTISTS are asking and studying:

- How and why are these changes occurring?
- What are the impacts? Who will be most vulnerable? Where will impacts be greatest?
- Can human beings do anything to stop or mitigate these changes?
- ... or are they part of "natural variability" that will happen no matter what we do?
- How can humanity adapt to global changes?

# THESE ISSUES ARE NOT WITHOUT CONTROVERSY!! We'll address this too!



# DOING SCIENCE & BEING A SCIENTIST

# BASIC PHYSICAL SCIENCE BACKGROUND:

- The Nature of Matter
- Thermodynamics & Energy
- Electromagnetic Radiation
- Mechanics & Energy

# Physics Fundamentals for Understanding Global Change

Tools of the Global Change Scientist

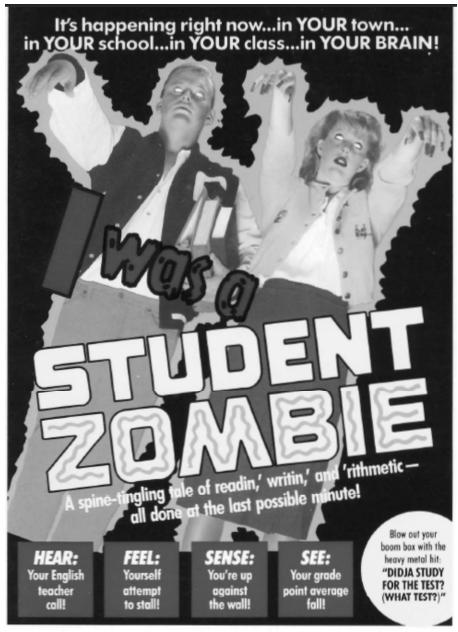
Tying It All Together: Key Global Change Issues

# WHAT KIND OF BACKGROUND DO I HAVE TO HAVE?

- CRITICAL READING SKILLS
- WRITING SKILLS
- BASIC MATH & QUANTITATIVE REASONING SKILLS
- HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE
- TEAM WORK SKILLS

Important: regular computer access is REQUIRED for this class!

(Please fill out the background form turn it in before you leave today)



ZOMBIE BREAK!

Starring THE TEACHER'S PET • THE PUZZLED ATHLETE • THE CRAFTY CHEATER and A CAST OF DOZENS OF DAZED, DEMORALIZED DUNCES JUST LIKE YOU



#### Get to know someone in class:

- 1. Name?
- 2. Where from?
- 3. What year & major?
- 4. Most interesting place on Earth visited?
- 5. Ever experienced an unusual environmental phenomenon? (flood, landslide, earthquake, tornado, wildfire, etc. . . . )

#### "Dr. H" CLASSROOM POLICIES

(more at online FAQ "Frequently Asked Questions"):

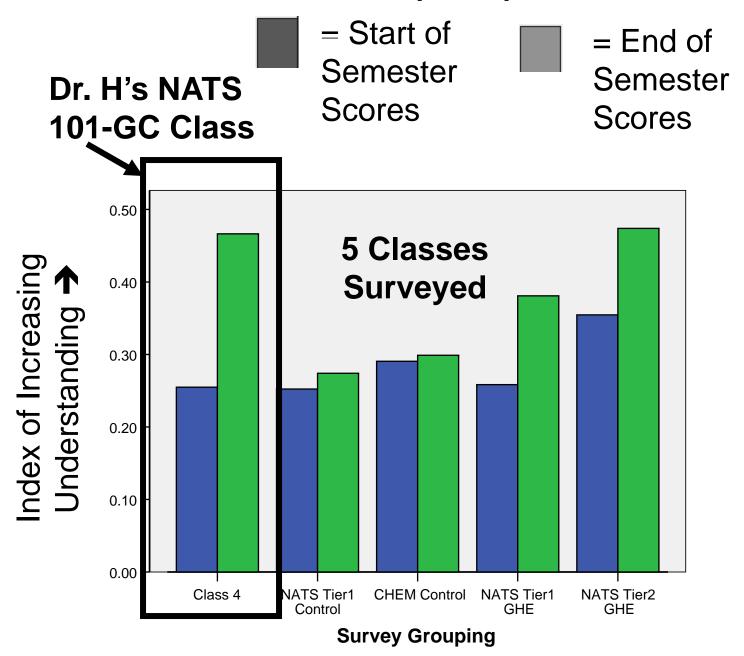
- 1. Sorry, but no questions can be answered *before* class until teaching equipment is set up & ready to go.
- 2. Questions *after* class will be answered after the equipment has been shut down (best to do this away from the front desk or outside the classroom).
- 3. All electronic devices (esp. cell phones) must be shut off throughout the class period including LAPTOPS! ... except your CLICKERS of course! See FAQ #36 Absolutely NO TEXTING!
- 4. Respect your professor and each other. Refrain from conversations with your classmates during lectures, presentations, videos, etc. except when INVITED to!
- 5. No food or drink (except in closed containers) in ILC.

# WHAT KIND OF STUDENT SHOULD I BE IN ORDER TO GET MY MONEY'S WORTH OUT OF THIS COURSE?

Students who mesh well with Dr. H's teaching style and the format of this NATS 101 lecture section:

- Like a class that is <u>structured</u> with lots of online support
- Enjoy working with fellow students <u>in groups</u> during part of the class period (not a loner)
- Have convenient access to a <u>computer and the</u> <u>internet</u> and check it frequently
- Are "visual" learners who like lots of graphics in lectures
- <u>Attend class regularly</u> and like to keep up with the material as it is taught (tiered testing helps!)
- Enjoy being in a class geared toward <u>first- and</u> <u>second-year students</u>
- Have a sense of humor!

### **GREENHOUSE EFFECT (GHE) UNDERSTANDING**



## And speaking of ASSIGNMENTS . . .

Here is your first Assignment:

- 1. Read & study the Syllabus and the <u>online FAQ</u> (Frequently Asked Questions) Then take the first Practice SELF TEST and Practice Readiness Quiz to test your understanding of the course logistics & policies.
- 2. Go to QUICK LINKS & read the short essay "On Science" by Robert Pirsig before class this Thursday 8/26

PASSWORD = nats101gc

#### **NEXT:**

# About the Teaching Team Program & becoming a Preceptor

(see Syllabus & Nats 101-GC website for additional details on being a Preceptor in this class)



## **Teaching Teams Program**

Putting People Back Into Education

# What Does a Teaching Team do for class?



 Hands-on projects and activities





- Various Learning
   Opportunities

   (which cater to most learning styles!)
  - Helpful Resources and extra support

# Who is on a Teaching Team?

- Instructor
- · GTAS
- Preceptors



# What is a Preceptor?



Motivated and responsible student

·Facilitator

·Peer Tutor

·Classroom leader

# So, who can be a preceptor?



# Why should <u>I</u> Become a Preceptor?

- Personal involvement with your course - YOU can help make it a better course through your input
- · Learn new professional and leadership skills
- · Opportunity to excel in the course !!
- · Get to know your professor & TA's as mentors and future references for applications, jobs, etc.
- · It's FUN!!!!





# **Preceptor Compensation?**

Preceptors receive 3 units academic credit by enrolling in one of the following courses:

LASC 197a: Preceptor Training (for first-time preceptors)

LASC 397a: Independent Study Preceptorship (for returning preceptors)

OR preceptors can receive HONORS CREDIT in NATS 101 as part of an HONORS CONTRACT...

# LASC 197a: Basic Preceptor Training

 Several sections offered at various times

 Sections meet for 2 hours once a week for 9 weeks



"Putting People Back into Education"

Training in Communication Skills, Group Dynamics and Leadership

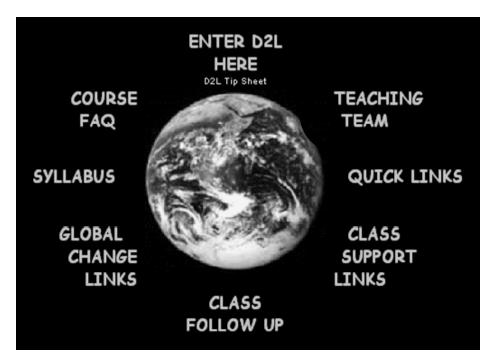
### LASC 397a: For Advanced Preceptors

- Gain practical leadership and problem-solving experience
- Learn skills that will help you in all aspects of your life



# So, how do I sign -up?

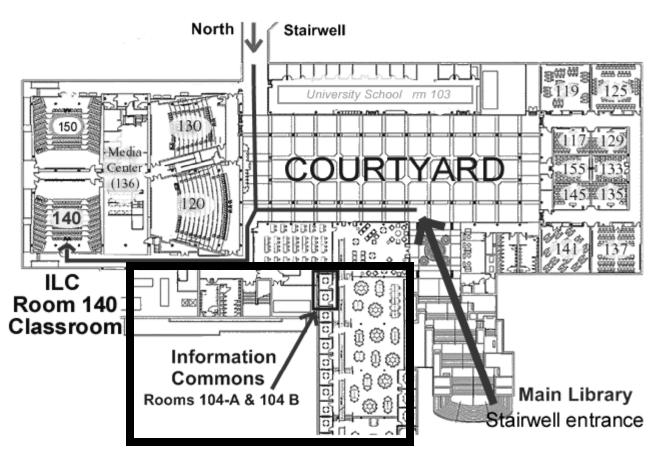
See the PRECEPTOR SECTION under TEACHING TEAM on our NATS 101-GC WEBPAGE:



http://fp.arizona.edu/kkh/nats101gc/how.htm

#### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

# GTA office hours will be held in the INFORMATION COMMONS in 104b beginning next week.



## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)**

Disability Resource Center (DRC) students & SALT students – make an appointment in the next two weeks with Dr. H so she can meet you.

Trying to ADD the class?

Interested in learning more about being a Preceptor?

See Dr. H after class is dismissed to discuss this.

### Recap of today's ASSIGNMENTS:

Here are your first assigned tasks:

- 1. Read & study the Syllabus and the <u>online FAQ</u> (Frequently Asked Questions) Then take SELF TEST and Practice Readiness Quiz (RQ) to test your understanding of the course logistics & policies.
- 2. Read the short essay "On Science" by Robert Pirsig before class on Thursday 8/26 (available online as a password protected pdf file on the Webpage under Quick Links)

PDF Password = nats101gc



### To NATS 101-GC website