

**Biology 489/589, Ecotoxicology**

**Spring 2020**

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 1300-1350**

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**Office Hours**                Monday 11-noon; Wednesday 11:00-noon

**\*prerequisite**                **applied**

**textbook** Newman, M.C. (2015) "Fundamentals of Ecotoxicology"

**presentation on Canvas**

**textbook offer** : required for class, this is a free download

<https://jasp-stats.org/download/>

**assignment**

<http://allendowney.blogspot.com/2016/06/bayesian-statistics-for-undergrads.html>

**Course Description**

Biological evolution has always been constrained by the chemical environment. Learning about how organisms deal with, and are physiologically impacted by heavy metals and novel organic



**Learning Objectives**

At the end of this course, you should be able to:

1. Understand differences between naturally occurring and anthropogenic contaminants and toxins
2. Understand physiological adaptations to both of the above
3. Perform simple statistical (preferably Bayesian) analyses on toxicological data, including QA/QC checks
4. Present literature review syntheses
5. Graphically present your own interpretation of original data

I expect a LOT from students enrolled in this course, and you will get out of it what you put in!

**Class Schedule**

Week 1: Intro to Ecotoxicology; History & Current State of Field (Chpt. 1)

Intro to Ecotoxicology

Week 2-3: Classes of Contaminants (inorganic, organic, radiations) (Chpt. 2)

Contaminants and their effects

Contaminants and their effects: Inorganic, Organic, Radiations

Week 15: Large-scale Effects of Toxins: Ecosystems, Global Change and Risk Assessment  
(Selections from Chpt. 11-13)

Week 16: Final Data presentations

-Final presentations April