

## **Policies**

### **Incompletes**

Incomplete coursework is a major inconvenience for students and instructors. I expect you to do everything in your power to avoid this situation. Legitimate excuses include verified illnesses and family emergencies. No incompletes will be given unless you have a prior written agreement with me.

### **Late Work**

All assignments must be submitted to me by 5 p.m. on the stated date. Late work will be penalized one grade (e.g., B- to C+) for each day it is late. The weekend counts as one day.

### **Scholastic Misconduct**

Scholastic dishonesty includes, (but is not necessarily limited to): cheating on assignments or examinations; plagiarizing, which means misrepresenting as you own work any part of work done by another; submitting the same paper, or substantially similar papers, to meet the requirements of more than one course without the approval and consent of all instructors concerned; depriving another student of necessary course materials; or interfering with another student's work.

### **Students with Disabilities**

Publications, such as course syllabi, college bulletins, program brochures, class schedules, newsletters, and instructional publications must be provided in alternative formats (Braille, large print, tape, electronic) upon request; document conversion is provided through the office for Academic Support Services for Students with Disabilities (607) 274-1005. It is college policy to provide, on a flexible and individualized basis, reasonable accommodations to students who have disabilities that may affect their ability to participate in course activities or to meet course requirements. Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact their instructors to discuss their individual needs for accommodations.

**Instructor:** I am a post-doctoral fellow at Cornell University specializing in soil ecology and sustainable agriculture. I am particularly interested in international environmental issues and how they affect, or are affected by, resource-poor peasants in Latin America. I base my research projects on the premise that science should be used to promote the well-being of small-scale farms and help farmers develop more ecologically friendly farming systems by providing alternative management practices.