

ENVT 266 – Land Reclamation

3 credits, 3 hours lecture, 3 hours lab

Reclamation objectives, practices and assessment strategies will be discussed as they relate to planned components of resource extraction activities, and as they relate to post-hoc reclamation initiatives. The focus of this course is on methods of prevention, control, and remediation of altered or degraded land as a result of human activities. This includes, but is not limited to, the decommissioning of base metal and oil sands mine sites, pipelines, and redevelopment of urban brownfields. A significant portion of the course involves synthesizing concepts from throughout the ENVT program in the form of independent projects. A heavy emphasis is placed on student-directed learning. This capstone course is taken in a student's final semester of the ENVT Diploma program.

Prerequisites and/or co-requisites

ENVT 252, ENVT 262, SOILS 210, and STAT 151

Instructor

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Office Hours

Monday 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Tuesday 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Thursday 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Friday 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Hours of Instruction

Lecture: Tuesday & Thursday 10:30 am - 11:50 am (Location: S 214)

Laboratory: Wednesday 2:00 pm - 4:50 am (Location: S 114)

Required Resources

There are no required textbooks for this course.

Primary scientific literature, best-practices guidelines, websites and NGO publications will be identified, applied and/or provided, as required during the course. Sources related to reclamation, Phase I and II assessments, land capability classification, ecosite classification, reclamation species selection, and other related topics will be covered.

Other supplies and requirements:

- Hard copy of completed current WHMIS course certificate for first lab (online resource)
- Hard copy of completed, signed plagiarism course certificate.
- Dedicated lab coat (full lab coats that go to the knees) for ENVT lab (S114)

Course Outcomes

Students that successfully complete this course will be able to:

- Identify, assess, minimize, and mitigate environmental degradation that can occur during extraction and utilization of natural resources.
- Locate and utilize key pieces of legislation and guidelines related to environmental impact assessments, monitoring, and reclamation in the province of Alberta.
- Develop an assessment and related reclamation plan for a hypothetical resource development project in the province of Alberta.
- Conduct an experiment related to land reclamation with guidance from the course instructor and other Keyano College personnel. This includes an appropriate topic, completing a risk assessment, designing and conducting the experiment, analyzing the data, and presenting the results in a formal presentation and formal written report.

Evaluation

Item	Percent	Due Date (Tentative)
Assignments	20%	Jan 20, Feb 10, Mar 10, April 14
Midterm	20%	Feb 15
Group Research Experiment	30%	Proposal - Feb 1 (5%) Final Paper - April 6 (10%) Presentation - April 14 (5%) Poster - April 14 (5%) Peer Evaluation - (5%)
Final Examination	30%	TBA

Schedule of Topics

Week	Lecture	Lab
1	Background	Research Proposal
2	Reclamation Standards and Legislation	
3	Land Disturbances	
4		Project Setup
5	Remediation	Ongoing Project
6		
7	Pre-disturbance Assessments	
8	Reading Break	
9	Reclamation Process	Statistical Analysis Seminar
10		Data Analysis
11		
12	Revegetation	Report Writing
13		
14	Monitoring	
15	Reclamation Certificate	

Topic Breakdown
<p>Background Introduction to land reclamation and history of reclamation in Alberta.</p>
<p>Reclamation Standards Reclamation in ecological and legal contexts, defining reclamation objectives and how those objectives determine what will constitute a “successfully reclaimed site”.</p>
<p>Land Disturbances: Overview of the types of land disturbances and various case studies.</p>
<p>Remediation: Evaluation of the nature and extent of contamination including ecotoxicological assays, identifying point vs non-point sources, underground contaminants, decontamination techniques.</p>
<p>Pre-disturbance Assessments: Overview of the methods used to assess a site prior to a disturbance. This includes both soil and vegetation surveys.</p>
<p>Reclamation Process: Detailed Reclamation Plan (initial design, design assessment, final design, and site preparation), Landform Construction & Soil Placement (soil placement, soil treatment and amendment).</p>
<p>Revegetation: Vegetation establishment. Restoring forest cover on oil sand, artificial and natural regeneration.</p>
<p>Monitoring: Develop monitoring plan and management. Wildlife and vegetation habitat use.</p>
<p>Reclamation Certificate: Requirements and Guidance for Reclamation Certificates: Application submission requirements, site assessment phase 1 & 2, stakeholder information, and reclamation information.</p>
<p>Scientific Research: Learn scientific methodology, including experimental/sampling design and data analysis, in assessment and reclamation projects. Design a scientific poster relevant to reclamation projects and conference style presentation.</p>

Grading System

Descriptor	Alpha Grade	4.0 Scale	Percent	Rubric for Letter Grades
Excellent	A+	4.0	> 92.9	Work shows in-depth and critical analysis, well-developed ideas, creativity, excellent writing, clarity and proper format.
	A	4.0	85 – 92.9	
	A-	3.7	80 – 84.9	
Good	B+	3.3	77 – 79.9	Work is generally of high quality, well developed, well written, has clarity, and uses proper format.
	B	3.0	74 – 76.9	
	B-	2.7	70 – 73.9	
Satisfactory Progression	C+	2.3	67 – 69.9	Work has some developed ideas but needs more attention to clarity, style, and formatting.
	C	2.0	64 – 66.9	
	C-	1.7	60 – 63.9	
Poor Minimum Pass	D+	1.3	55 – 59.9	Work is completed in a general way with minimal support or is poorly written or did not use proper format.
	D	1.0	50 – 54.9	
Failure	F	0.0	< 50	Responses fail to demonstrate appropriate understanding or are fundamentally incomplete.

A grade of C- or better is required for progression or transfer.

Please Note:

It is your responsibility as a student to contact the Office of the Registrar to complete the forms for Withdrawal or Change of Registration, and any other forms. Please refer to the list of important dates as noted in the Academic Schedule in the Keyano College Credit Calendar.

Performance Requirements and Student Services**Student Responsibilities**

It is your responsibility as a student to contact the Office of the Registrar to complete the forms for Withdrawal or Change of Registration, and any other forms. Please refer to the list of important dates as noted in the Academic Schedule in the [Keyano College credit calendar](#). The Keyano College credit calendar also has information about Student Rights and Code of Conduct. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct Policies.

Student Attendance

Class attendance is useful for two reasons. First, class attendance maximizes a student's learning experience. Second, attending class is a good way to keep informed of matters relating to the administration of the course (e.g., the timing of assignments and exams). Ultimately, you are responsible for your own learning and performance in this course.

It is the responsibility of each student to be prepared for all classes. Students who miss classes are responsible for the material covered in those classes and for ensuring that they are prepared for the next class, including the completion of any assignments and notes that may be due.

Academic Misconduct

Students are considered to be responsible adults and should adhere to principles of intellectual integrity. Intellectual dishonesty may take many forms, such as:

- Plagiarism or the submission of another person's work as one's own;
- The use of unauthorized aids in assignments or examinations (cheating);

- Collusion or the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing work;
- The deliberate misrepresentation of qualifications;
- The willful distortion of results or data;
- Substitution in an examination by another person;
- Handing in the same unchanged work as submitted for another assignment; and
- Breach of confidentiality.

The consequences for academic misconduct range from a verbal reprimand to expulsion from the College. More specific descriptions and details are found in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct section of the Keyano College credit calendar. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct Policies.

In order to ensure your understanding of the concept of plagiarism, you must successfully complete the online tutorial found on ilearn.keyano.ca. Then print the certificate, sign it, and show it to each of your instructors. Your course work may not be graded until you show this signed certificate.

Specialized Supports

The Student Services department is committed to Keyano students and their academic success. There are a variety of student supports available at Keyano College. Due to the continuing situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, the offered support services will be implemented differently this semester by being provided mostly virtually. In-person service can be requested as needed. All Alberta Health Services guidelines will be followed for in-person appointments—wear a mask, maintain two meters of physical distance, use hand sanitizer, and stay home if you are unwell.

All student services are available during Keyano business hours: Monday to Friday, 8h30-16h30.

Accessibility Services: provides accommodations for students with disabilities. Students with documented disabilities, or who suspect a disability, can meet with a Learning Strategist to discuss their current learning barriers and possible accommodations. Students who have accessed accommodations in the past are encouraged to contact us to request them for the semester. Please note that requesting accommodations is a process and requires time to arrange. Contact us as soon as you know you may require accommodations. For accessibility services supports and to book a virtual appointment, please contact accessibility.services@keyano.ca.

Accessibility Services also provides individual and group learning strategy instruction for all students, as well as technology training and supports to enhance learning. Meet with a Learning Strategist to learn studying and test-taking strategies for online classes. Schedule an appointment with the Assistive Technology Specialist to explore technology tools for learning. Book an appointment today by emailing accessibility.services@keyano.ca

Wellness Services: offers a caring, inclusive, and respectful environment where students can access free group and individual support to meet academic and life challenges. Mental Health Coordinators offer a safe and confidential environment to seek help with personal concerns. All individual appointments will continue virtually.

Wellness Services welcomes students to participate in any of the virtual group sessions offered throughout the academic year addressing topics including mindfulness and test anxiety.

Individual virtual appointments can be made by emailing wellness.services@keyano.ca.

Library Services: provides students with research and information supports as they engage in their studies. Library staff are available to support you both virtually and in person throughout the semester. For a detailed list of library supports and services, go to www.keyano.ca/library. For any inquiries, please email askthelibrary@keyano.ca.

Begin your research with the [Library's FIND page](#). Search for sources using OneSearch, the Library's Catalogue, or by searching in a specific database selected from the [A-Z Database List](#).

Individual support with the Information Librarian is available virtually. Appointments can be requested by using the [Book A Librarian online form](#).

Research and Subject Guides are helpful resources when beginning your research or addressing other information needs. To view a subject or course specific guide, go to the Subject Guide webpage [here](#).

To access additional research resources, including Citation Guides (APA, MLA, Chicago, or IEEE), go to the [Research Help Library page](#).

The Loanable Technology collection is available to support students in their online learning pursuits. Items available for borrowing include mobile projectors, webcams, noise cancelling headphones, Chromebooks, and laptops. For an up-to-date list of technology available for borrowing, go to the Library's [Loanable Technology webpage](#).

Skill Centre: Provides academic support services to students registered in credit programs at Keyano College in the form of tutoring, assignment/lab support, writing support groups, facilitated study groups, workshops, and study space. This service is free and is available for all Math, Sciences, Humanities and Trades courses offered at Keyano.

While most courses are being offered online, the Skill Centre will be offering mostly virtual services and in-person sessions as requested. Please email Skill@keyano.ca to get in contact with our Academic Content Specialists. The Skill Centre is located in CC-119 at the Clearwater Campus.

For the most up to date information on how to book a session, please view the [Keyano Skill Centre homepage](#).

Academic Success Coaching: offers you support and access to resources for your academic success to help you to find the Keys to your Success. The Academic Success Coach will work with you to develop an academic success plan, develop your study and time management skills, and connect you with the right resources here at Keyano. Academic.success@keyano.ca is the best way to access resources during virtual service delivery. The Academic Success Coach is located in the Skill Centre in CC-119 at the Clearwater Campus.

Internet Speed

Minimum Internet speeds of 5 Mbps. Recommended Internet speeds of 25 Mbps (especially if you are sharing your internet at home). Check your internet speed with [Fast.com](#).

E-Learning

Technology and internet will impact your online learning experience. It's important that you are able to watch an online video and other course materials, take online quizzes, and participate in a live class with your instructor and other students.

Keyano College operates in a Windows based environment and having the correct tools for online learning is important. Here's a list of recommended system requirements.

Specific Department Requirements:

Business and OA programs require Windows 10.

Other programs may utilize Windows based tools as well.

System requirements:

Microsoft Windows	Apple
<p>Minimum Requirements:</p> <p>A Windows 10 computer/laptop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum 4GB of RAM. - 10GB+ available hard drive storage. - Enough available hard drive space to install the Microsoft Office suite (approximately 3GB). <u>Microsoft Office</u> software is free to all Keyano students and employees. - Microphone, webcam, and speakers. A headset with a microphone is recommended. - System updates must be regularly installed. - Anti-Virus / Anti-Malware software 	<p>Minimum Requirements:</p> <p>A Macintosh (V10.14 and above) computer/laptop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum 4GB of RAM. - 10GB+ available hard drive storage. - Enough available hard drive space to install the Microsoft Office suite (approximately 3GB). <u>Microsoft Office</u> software is free to all Keyano students and employees. - Microphone, webcam, and speakers. A headset with a microphone is recommended. - System updates must be regularly installed. - Anti-Virus / Anti-Malware software.
<p>Recommended Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8GB of RAM - A method of backing up/synchronizing to local or cloud-based storage such as OneDrive is highly recommended. This is included if you complete the setup of KeyanoMail and download MS Office using your Keyano email for free. 	<p>Recommended Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8GB of RAM - A method of backing up/synchronizing to local or cloud-based storage such as OneDrive is highly recommended. This is included if you complete the setup of KeyanoMail and download MS Office using your Keyano email for free.
<p>Chromebooks are not recommended as they are not compatible with testing lockdown browsers.</p> <p>A Microsoft Surface or iPad or iPad Pro may be possible alternatives in some program areas.</p>	

Computer Software

Students will be able to get access to Microsoft Office 365 for free using Keyano credentials by [clicking here](#).

Recording of Lectures and Intellectual Property

Students may only record a lecture if explicit permission is provided by the instructor or by Accessibility Services. Even if students have permission to record a lecture or lecture materials, students may not share, distribute, or publish any of the lectures or lecture materials, this includes any recordings, slides, instructor notes, etc. on any platform. Thus, no student is allowed to share, distribute, publish or sell course related content (instructor, or students) without permission. It is important to recognize that the Canadian Copyright Act contains provisions for intellectual property. The [Academic Integrity Policy](#) provides additional information on Keyano College’s expectations from students as members of the intellectual community.

ITS Helpdesk

If you are having issues with your student account, you can contact the ITS Helpdesk by emailing its.helpdesk@keyano.ca or calling 780-791-4965.