

Appendix G
Syllabus for Environmental Studies Seminar Class

Environmental Studies 659

Course Title: Environmental Studies Seminar

Class time/location: Arranged

Credit hours: 3

Instructor: Dr. Michele Morrone, Bldg 22, Ridges

Books *Proposals That Work*, 4th edition, Locke et. Al
OU Schedule of Classes
OU Graduate Catalogue
MSES Student Handbook

Overview:

This course is designed provide students in the Master of Science in Environmental Studies with an overview of the requirements for graduate study, including research methods and proposal formulation.

Students who complete this course should be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of OU policies and procedures that pertain to graduate students;
2. Demonstrate an understanding of MSES student policies and procedures;
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the steps to creating a research proposal;
4. Demonstrate and understanding of the components of a research proposal and some key research methods;
5. Identify key faculty members affiliated with the MSES program; and
6. Identify improvement in communication skills.

Class Policies/Format:

This is a seminar class which is offered for graduate Credit only (not for a letter grade). The class will meet throughout the quarter according to a schedule agreed upon by students and the instructor.

In order to receive credit for the class students will complete the following:

- 1) On-line assignments and quizzes related to the required book and other readings;
- 2) A summary of the elements of a research proposal;
- 3) Interviews of 3 faculty members affiliated with the MSES program and a powerpoint presentation summarizing the interviews; and
- 4) Attendance at events as assigned by the instructor.

Class Schedule (Subject to change):

- Week 1: Register for and attend classes; seminar overview
- Week 2: OU and MSES graduate guidelines
- Week 3: Beginning the proposal, developing research questions
Ch 1, Proposal That Work (PTW)
- Week 4: OU research requirements; IRB
Ch 2, PTW
- Week 5: Sources of funding working with faculty
Chs 3 & 8, PTW
- Week 6: Proposal content, research methods, references and citations, oral defense
Chs 4 & 7, PTW
- Week 7: Meet individually with instructor (arranged)
- Week 8: Meet individually with instructor (arranged)
- Week 9: Student presentations of faculty interviews
- Week 10: Event summaries due, class discussion of outline

Event opportunities. Students must attend at least one of these events and write a 2 page summary or reaction to the event (I will be adding events)