

Note: This course action form is incomplete. Some content is yet to be determined.

North Carolina State University Course Action Form

ES 495 – Special Topics

Proposal Type: New Course
Proposed Date: Jan. 11, 2010
Department/Program: Environmental Sciences Academic Program
Abbreviated Title: Special Topics
Scheduling: Fall / Spring, in Every Year
Offerings: On-Campus
Credit Hours: 3
Contact Hours
Lecture/Recitation: 3
Seminar:
Laboratory:
Problem:
Studio:
Independent Study/Research:
Internship/Practicum/Field Work:
Grading: ABCDF or S/U
Enrollment per Semester: 50
Enrollment Maximum per Section: 50
Multiple Sections: TBD
Repeatable: Yes

Catalog Description

This course provides instruction on rapidly emerging environmental themes not currently covered in the undergraduate curriculum. Also provides courses on an experimental basis before incorporation into the curriculum.

Curriculum/Minors for Which Course is Designed

Environmental Science B.S.

Course Justification

The new course, ES 495 Special Topics, will allow students in the Environmental Sciences Academic Program to earn credit while learning about new and ever changing topics about the environment. The special topics course is needed so faculty members can offer courses on quickly emerging themes in environmental science, can offer instruction on topics not currently covered and can introduce new courses on an experimental basis prior to proposing them as permanent offerings.

Previous Enrollment

ES 495 is a new course that has never been offered, therefore there is no enrollment data.

Resources Statement

ES 495 will be offered without any new resources.

Consultation With Other Departments

Materials describing the course were posted on the ESNR website, and notices inviting comments were sent to all colleges.

Prerequisites & Co-Requisites

None.

Instructors Responsible for Course

William E. Winner

Dual-Level Course

Yes, course is a dual-level course.

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Course Syllabus

ES 495 – Special Topics

Section 001
SPRING 2010
3 Credit Hours

Special Notes

The content will vary depending upon the subject of the course and the instructor. Specifying a single syllabus and textbook is not possible because this is a special topics course.

Course Description

The courses offered as ES Special Topics will allow instructors to provide new courses on a trial basis. The topics of courses will differ between instructors, but allow the ES Academic Program to address rapidly emerging issues in environmental sciences.

Learning Outcomes

Students will learn aspects of new environmental themes not covered in existing courses.

Course Structure

Course structure will differ among ES Special Topics course offerings. In some cases, courses will be lecture based with traditional examinations. In other cases, courses may involve debate formats, case studies, and other educational approaches. Each instructor will propose a grading structure for their course.

Instructors

William E Winner (wewinner) - *Instructor*
Email: wewinner@ncsu.edu
Web Page: www.ncsu.edu/esnr
Phone: 919-515-5780
Office Location: 2231 Jordan Hall Addition
Office Hours: By Appointment

Course Meetings

None.

Course Materials

None.

Requisites and Restrictions

None.

General Education Program (GEP) Information

GEP Category

This course does not fulfill a General Education Program category.

GEP Co-requisites

This course does not fulfill a General Education Program co-requisite.

Transportation

This course will not require students to provide their own transportation. Non-scheduled class time for field trips or out-of-class activities is NOT required for this class.

Safety & Risk Assumptions

None.

Grading

Grade Components

This Course uses Standard NCSU Letter Grading:

97 ≤ **A+** ≤ 100

93 ≤ **A** < 97

90 ≤ **A-** < 93

87 ≤ **B+** < 90

83 ≤ **B** < 87

80 ≤ **B-** < 83

77 ≤ **C+** < 80

73 ≤ **C** < 77

70 ≤ **C-** < 73

67 ≤ **D+** < 70

63 ≤ **D** < 67

60 ≤ **D-** < 63

0 ≤ **F** < 60

Requirements for Credit-Only (S/U) Grading

In order to receive a grade of S, students are required to take all exams and quizzes, complete all assignments, and earn a grade of C- or better. Conversion from letter grading to credit only (S/U) grading is subject to university deadlines. Refer to the Registration and Records calendar for deadlines related to grading. For more details refer to http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/academic_affairs/courses_undergrad/REG02.20.15.php.

Requirements for Auditors (AU)

Information about and requirements for auditing a course can be found at http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/academic_affairs/pols_regs/REG205.00.5.php.

Policies on Incomplete Grades

If an extended deadline is not authorized by the instructor or department, an unfinished incomplete grade will automatically change to an F after either (a) the end of the next regular semester in which the student is enrolled (not including summer sessions), or (b) the end of 12 months if the student is not enrolled, whichever is shorter. Incompletes that change to F will count as an attempted course on transcripts. The burden of fulfilling an incomplete grade

is the responsibility of the student. The university policy on incomplete grades is located at http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/academic_affairs/grades_undergrad/REG02.50.3.php.

Late Assignments

Students are responsible for completing assignments and submitting them by the deadlines given by instructors. Late assignments will only be accepted in the case of verified/documentated emergencies. See the University Attendance Policy http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/academic_affairs/courses_undergrad/REG02.20.3.php

Attendance Policy

Attendance

Attendance is required. After two unexcused absences, two points may be deducted from the final score for each additional absence. This policy is based upon the NCSU Attendance Policy: http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/academic_affairs/courses_undergrad/REG02.20.3.php

Absences

In case of emergencies (serious illness, injury, death, or illness in the family, university duties, court attendance, or religious observance), please notify the instructor as soon as possible. This policy is based upon the NCSU Attendance Policy: http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/academic_affairs/courses_undergrad/REG02.20.3.php

Makeup Work

You are responsible for all work missed and for any assignment announced on the day you were absent. This policy is based upon the NCSU Attendance Policy: http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/academic_affairs/courses_undergrad/REG02.20.3.php

Additional Excuses Policy

None.

Academic Integrity

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Students are required to comply with the university policy on academic integrity found in the Code of Student Conduct found at http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/student_services/student_discipline/POL11.35.1.php Students are bound by the academic integrity policy as stated in the NCSU Code of Student Conduct.

Academic Honesty

See http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/student_services/student_discipline/POL11.35.1.php for a detailed explanation of academic honesty. Students are required to uphold the University Pledge of Honor and exercise honesty in completing every assignment.

Honor Pledge

Your signature on any test or assignment indicates "I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this test or assignment."

Electronically-Hosted Course Components

Students may be required to disclose personally identifiable information to other students in the course, via electronic tools like email or web-postings, where relevant to the course. Examples include online discussions of class topics, and posting of student coursework. All students are expected to respect the privacy of each other by not sharing or using such information outside the course.

Electronically-hosted Components: <http://vista.ncsu.edu>

Accommodations for Disabilities

Reasonable accommodations will be made for students with verifiable disabilities. In order to take advantage of available accommodations, student must register with the Disability Services Office (<http://www.ncsu.edu/dso>) located at 1900 Student Health Center, Campus Box 7509, 515-7653. For more information on NC State's policy on working with students with disabilities, please see the Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities Regulation at http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/academic_affairs/courses_undergrad/REG02.20.1.php.

Policy on Discrimination

NC State University provides equality of opportunity in education and employment for all students and employees. Accordingly, NC State affirms its commitment to maintain a work environment for all employees and an academic environment for all students that is free from all forms of discrimination. Discrimination based on race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation is a violation of state and federal law and/or NC State University policy and will not be tolerated. Harassment of any person (either in the form of quid pro quo or creation of a hostile environment) based on race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation also is a violation of state and federal law and/or NC State University policy and will not be tolerated. Retaliation against any person who complains about discrimination is also prohibited. NC State's policies and regulations covering discrimination, harassment, and retaliation may be accessed at http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/campus_environ or http://www.ncsu.edu/equal_op. Any person who feels that he or she has been the subject of prohibited discrimination, harassment, or retaliation should contact the Office for Equal Opportunity (OEO) at 515-3148.

Course Schedule

TBD

SIGNATURE PAGE

COURSE ACTION FOR ES 495

Recommended By

HEAD, DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM

Date

Endorsed By

CHAIR, COLLEGE COURSES & CURRICULA COMMITTEE

Date

COLLEGE DEAN

Date

Approved By

CHAIR, UNIVERSITY COURSES & CURRICULA COMMITTEE

Date

CHAIR, COUNCIL ON UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

Date

DEAN OF UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Date

Approved Effective Date