

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
Department of Natural Sciences & Environmental Health

COURSE NUMBER: EH 191/192/491

COURSE NAME: Environmental Health Seminar

OFFICE LOCATION: Sci. & Tech 2254

OFFICE HOURS: TBA

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CLASS MEETING DAYS: Thursdays

CLASS MEETING TIME: 10:50-12:05

CLASS MEETING LOCATION: Sci. & Tech 2202

Credit hour: 1

Prerequisite: Environmental Health Majors, NSEH majors or permission from the instructor

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Environmental Health seminar will focus on reading, reporting, and discussion of selected current scientific literature pertaining to environmental and health-promotion of human health. This course will also focus on internship experience, academic and career advisement and professional advancement.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Keep students abreast of current environmental and health literature-developments and knowledge that promote human health through understanding and proper management of the environment.
2. Develop skill in reading with comprehension, summarizing the read information in simple outline and narrative forms, and making oral and written reports of the pertinent literature and developments.
3. Improve writing skills, and interviewing techniques.
4. Increase vocabulary of environmental health terms and become familiar with various environmental agencies and function.
5. Enhance understanding of the natural principles relative to everyday personal and public health, and societal issues and concerns.

Methods of Instruction: Lecture, class discussion and presentations

Classroom Technology

Computer and LCD projector

Use of Library and Internet searches for up-to-date Environmental Health issues

Criteria for Grading:	<u>% of Final Grade</u>
Assignments	50%
Weekly Participation/Cooperation	50%

Grading Scale:

% of Total Points	Final Grade
90.0-100.0%	A
80.0-89.9%	B
70.0-79.9%	C
60.0-69.9%	D
<60.0%	F

Class Attendance: (SEE CLASS ATTENDANCE POLICY from the Mississippi Valley State Catalog). Student (s) at Mississippi Valley State University must fully commit themselves to their program of study. One Hundred per cent (100%) punctual class attendance is expected of all students in all scheduled classes and activities. Instructor keeps daily attendance records and copy of excused and unexcused absence. Even with an official excuse of absence, a student is responsible for any work missed during absence

Cell Phones

Before entering class, your cell phones and pagers must be turned off/silent. No phone equipment should be visible on your person. If you leave this class to answer your cell phone, you will be graded as absent for the entire class. Any student engaging in non-productive or threatening behavior or behavior considered by the instructor to be disruptive to the learning environment will be removed from the classroom.

MAKE-UP WORK POLICY

No make-up given unless justifiable excuse with written document (REQUEST FOR AN EXCUSED ABSENCE from DIVISION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES) is given. Excuses are limited to extreme emergencies such as being sick or hospitalized (with proofs from physician and/or hospital), or family member passing. Excuses from the Dormitory Counselor will not be acceptable. The students who are traveling on university's business (conferences, band, choir, etc.) must inform the professor in advance (at least one week) prior to travel. Students are expected to take quizzes or exams before travel or the next class period if you have been excused by the professor. Make-up tests must be taken no later than the second class meeting after each test date.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Cheating will not be tolerated and will result in a grade of **zero**. An **F for the class** will be assigned to any student who cheats during any of the quizzes and/or examinations! All cases of

academic dishonesty will be reported to the appropriate academic affairs office in accordance with University policy. **Cheating of any kind is absolutely NOT allowed. Students caught cheating run the risk of failing the class for the entire semester. Suspension or removal from the school is also possible (p 83 Student Handbook).**

PLAGIARISM POLICY

Plagiarism is scholarly theft when students don't acknowledge the use of a secondary source. Any written or oral presentation in which the writer or speaker does not distinguish clearly between original and borrowed material constitute plagiarism. Because students, as Scholar, Facilitator, Reflective Thinker and Life Long Learners frequently use concepts and facts developed by others scholars, plagiarism is not the mere use of another's facts and ideas, it is grossly unethical. It is plagiarism when students present work of others as if it were their own. Plagiarism is a serious offense and any act of plagiarism may lead to a failing grade on the paper and in the course, as well as other disciplinary actions.

Academic integrity is critical to the successful completion of this course. For all writing assignments, you must run your complete document through a plagiarism checker and include the result of your plagiarism report with an electronic signature.

Grade Appeals

Any student who believes s/he has been graded unfairly, even after talking with me, may appeal that grade by following the procedures set out by the University in the Student Handbook. It is your responsibility to prove that you deserve a higher grade. Keep all copies of your work.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Mississippi Valley State University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for students with a documented disability. If you feel you are eligible to receive accommodations for a covered disability (medical, physical, psychiatric, learning, vision, hearing, etc.) and would like to request it for this course, you must be registered with the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) program administered by University College. It is recommended that you visit the Disabilities Office located inside the EMAP Computer Lab in the Technical Education (IT) Building to register for the program at the beginning of each semester.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Mr. Billy Benson, Jr. via phone or email at 662-254-3005.

DIVERSITY POLICY

All students, regardless of religious affiliation, race, color, nationality, creed or sexual orientation must feel safe within this space. Please conduct all discussions with regard to the right to human dignity and respect for all individuals.

Syllabus subject to change at any point at the discretion of professor. This syllabus does not constitute a contract with the University. It contains guidelines. The instructor reserves the right to make changes as necessary.

CRITERIA FOR CRITIQUEING JOURNAL ARTICLES

Analysis for Journal Articles (Critique)

- Identify your article by title, author and source
- Review the content of the article, summarize its main points. What is the problem/issue/argument that this article is reflecting.
- Identify how this article relates to the field of public health, what area of public health it deals with and tell why the article may be of importance in the field. Relate the article to the chapters covered in class.
- Articulate the meaning and thought you have derived from the article. Does it have any special importance to you or to a particular segment of society? Why? You must show that you have thought about the article. Do you question the results or conclusions that the article draws? Do you feel the article or the research it reports on was lacking in some way?
- Please follow instructions and watch grammar, spelling, etc. Please proofread before submission.
- Remember, late articles will not be accepted. Critiques are due at the beginning of class on the schedule date.
- All articles should be font 12 point Time Roman

Note: In reviewing journal articles, it will demonstrate your ability to understand an article; to enhance your ability to critique an argument; to improve your ability to communicate your points in an academic fashion and to gain knowledge in the area of public health and administration.