

Mississippi Valley State University
Natural Sciences and Environmental Health
Course syllabus
Environmental Health Seminar (EH 591-592)

Course: Seminar

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Class Time: Wednesday, 5:00pm - 5:50pm

Reading: Journal and research papers, articles (including EH Careers), literature reviews, and discussion topics and presentations.

Credit Hours: 1

Description: Graduate seminar class in environmental health is specialized interactive learning environment. Students will gain a significant amount of knowledge from each other as well as from the instructor. Because each student will be assigned a topic of his/her choice of interest with in the environmental health area, students will learn a quite amount of information from each other as they participate in the group discussions.

This class will help and expose a student to the effective communication, solid presentation, and leadership skills within the environmental health concentration. This class would be an opportunity for a student to deepen their research knowledge as they read and interpret the various literatures and involve in groups to understand, question, and answer the problems.

Rationale: Knowledge is Power

To be a successful scholar, one must acquire the applied knowledge and skills required by the profession.

As a successful graduating student, he/she should be confident and must have acquired the skills required for the workforce. Team work, communication, presentation, networking, and leadership skills are the ones employers looking in today's market.

Course objectives and learning outcomes:

Environmental health seminar course requires the students to achieve the following set of objectives by the end of course. Measurable outcomes for the EH 591,

1. Set of weekly readings to discuss.
2. Written intellectual autobiography from each student.
3. Collect the articles of interest and present for discussion.
4. Work with published results of interested topics.
5. Critique and discuss the research articles in class.
6. Acquire the knowledge to apply on the research projects.

Measurable outcomes for the EH 592

1. Will be able to demonstrate presentation skills through an assigned research topic.
2. Discuss confidently about the environmental health issues at national and international level.
3. Develop a set of problem solving skills through participation in debating session in class.
4. Develop a set of interactive communication, oral and written communication skills in the EH area.
5. Will be able to engage in solving a societal issue, which will be demonstrated through class presentation.
6. Will be a responsible and knowledgeable professional in environmental health arena.

Some journals information on environmental health

<http://www.ehjournal.net/>

<http://www.neha.org/publications/journal-environmental-health>

<http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/>

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cije20/current>

<http://www.journals.elsevier.com/international-journal-of-hygiene-and-environmental-health/>

<http://www.mdpi.com/journal/ijerph>

<u>Criteria for grading</u>	<u>% of final grade</u>
Mid-term performance	30
Assignments & project work	30
Final project presentation	40

Grading scale

90 – 100%	A
80 – 89%	B
70 – 79%	C
60 – 69%	D
Below 60%	F

Class attendance: (See class attendance policy from the Mississippi Valley State University Graduate Catalog, 2017-2019). Students at Mississippi Valley State must fully commit themselves to their program of study. One hundred percent (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. Students must understand that **EVEN WITH AN OFFICIAL EXCUSE OF ABSENCE, THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WORK REQUIRED DURING THEIR ABSENCE.**

Academic integrity

Full responsibility is placed on the students from the content and integrity of all academic work submitted in the form of quizzes and examinations. Copying another person's work or portions of it is a violation of academic integrity and will be handled according to Mississippi Valley State University policy.

Make-up policy

No makeup tests will be given except in cases of an immediate family member's death or personal illness in which the proper documentation must be presented to the instructor. A valid excuse slip should be submitted upon return to class. Makeup tests and quizzes must be taken no later than the second class meeting after the test date or during the same week when test or quizzes are given. If tests are not taken within the allotted time frame, the grade will be ZERO and there will be NO EXCEPTION.

Cell Phones

All cell phones and beepers must be turned off or switched to vibration mode before entering the class to avoid interrupting instructor and fellow students. Penalty will be assessed if students fail to comply. Cell phones cannot be used during quizzes or exams.

Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD)

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. If you are determined to be eligible after your confidential consultation, you will be provided with a Memo of Accommodations that must be submitted to each of your instructors.

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

NOTE: Violation of academic integrity will be handled according to the Mississippi Valley State University policy.

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