

Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences
ENVH 580
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SEMINAR

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Thursday, 12:30-1:30; T435

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COURSE PURPOSE

The purpose of this course is to expose DEOHS students to a broad range of environmental and occupational research, practice, and policy issues. The student will attend a weekly seminar that is presented by an invited speaker in the field of environmental and occupational health sciences.

COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this course, the student should be able to:

- Discuss a range of occupational and environmental issues and their effects on practice and policy implementation.
- Discuss the basic approaches to assessing and controlling environmental and occupational hazards.
- Review the role of laws and regulations in controlling occupational and environmental health hazards.
- Describe the roles played by statutes, stakeholders, and institutions in occupational and environmental health.
- Contrast the skills, language, and models for professional presentations.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Attendance

Since this class is intended to be interactive, participation is important. We encourage you to ask the speaker questions. If you are unable to attend one of the regularly scheduled DEOHS ENVH 580 seminars, one seminar may be substituted with a seminar or conference outside of the DEOHS, with prior approval of the instructor, and may be in any field that is relevant to your program of study.

Assignments

We are asking that students provide feedback to our speakers each week. The feedback should include the following information:

1. Your Name
2. Title of the presentation and name of speaker
3. Date of seminar
4. Discuss what aspects of the presentation you think were most compelling.
5. Discuss what aspects of the presentation you think could be improved upon.

In addition to the above, suggestions for future topics or presenters are welcome. Please submit your suggestions at the end of your summary and critique. The feedback should be submitted as an online survey via the class website for at least 8 seminars during each quarter using the procedure outlined on the website. You have until the following Wednesday at 5PM to submit your feedback. Late submissions will not be counted.

PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING A SURVEY/CRITIQUE FOR ENVH 580 SEMINAR

- Log into the ENVH 580 Environmental Health Seminar web page:
<https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/848575>
- In the far left column, under the heading “Syllabus”, click on the button
- Find the appropriate name of the speaker in a list towards the bottom of the page and click on that name.
- This will bring you to a calendar page. In the detail of the seminar date, you will see a link called “Submit Seminar Review”. Click on that link.
- Fill out the online survey, making sure to enter an answer in each of the six question fields.
- Click on the “Submit Quiz” button. You should see information regarding your successful submission (Submission Details) in a box in the top right section of the webpage.

PROCEDURES FOR OTHER SEMINARS

To obtain credit for a seminar that is not part of ENVH 580, but related to your field of study, first contact the instructor for prior approval.

GRADING

The seminar is graded “Credit/No Credit”. To receive credit for the course you must submit on-time summaries for 8 seminars each quarter.

Disability Notice. If you would like to request academic accommodations due to a disability, please contact Disabled Student Services, 448 Schmitz, Box 355839, (206) 543-8924, (TTY) 543-8925, uwdss@u.washington.edu. If you have a letter from Disabled Student Services indicating you have a disability that requires academic accommodations, please present the letter to me so we can discuss the accommodations you might need for class.