

Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences
Environmental Health Seminar (ENVH 580, Spring 2015)

DAY AND TIME: Thursdays, 12:30-1:20

LOCATION: Health Sciences Building, 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 students 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. The outside seminar may be in any field that is relevant to your program of study.

Assignments

You will be asked to provide feedback about the seminar each week. This is done using a “survey quiz” on the course Canvas website. Each survey will ask you to provide some positive

feedback, some constructive criticism, and suggestions for future seminar topics or speakers. The survey form becomes available at the end of each week's seminar and remains available until the following Wednesday at 5:00 PM. Late submissions will not be counted. In order to pass the class, you are required to submit complete surveys for at least 8 seminars that you attended during the quarter.

SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Log onto the ENVH 580 Environmental Health Seminar web page:
<https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/965196>
2. On the home page you will see a banner displaying the current seminar title and a link to the corresponding survey.
3. You can also navigate to the surveys using the "Modules" or "Assignments" buttons in the navigation bar on the left.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBSTITING A SEMINAR

To obtain credit for a seminar that is not part of ENVH 580, but related to your field of study, 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 surveys for at least 8 seminars.

UW DISABILITY STATEMENT:

Access and Accommodations: Your experience in this class is important to us, and it is the policy and practice of the University of Washington to create inclusive and accessible learning environments consistent with federal and state law. If you experience barriers based on a disability or temporary health condition, please seek a meeting with Disability Resources for Students (DRS) to discuss and address them. If you have already established accommodations with DRS, please communicate your approved accommodations to your instructor at your earliest convenience so we can discuss your needs in this course.

DRS offers resources and coordinates reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities and/or temporary health conditions. Reasonable accommodations are established through an interactive process between you, your instructor(s) and DRS. If you have not yet established services through DRS, but have a temporary health condition or permanent disability that requires accommodations (this can include but not limited to; mental health, attention-related, learning, vision, hearing, physical or health impacts), you are welcome to contact DRS at 206-543-8924 or uwdrs@uw.edu or disability.uw.edu.