

ENV H 553 A Wi 20: Environmental Exposure Monitoring Methods

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ENV H 553 A: Environmental Exposure Monitoring Methods - Winter 2020

4 credits, graded, SLN 14468

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Time: Mondays + Wednesdays at 12:30p - 1:20p and Friday 11:30a - 1:20p

Location: Health Sciences Building: Room T531 on Mondays & Wednesdays ; Room T359 on Fridays

Brief Description:

A key element in maintaining a healthy human environment is Exposure Monitoring for contaminants. This course will emphasize developing a thorough understanding of the principles and methods for determining the intensity of exposure to contaminants in air and on surfaces, in food and drinking water, and for measurement of exposure markers in human specimens. In addition, procedures for interpretation and application of results will be explored, in the context of making decisions regarding the hazard magnitude and choice of methods for control.

Course Objectives:

At the end of the course, students should be able:

1. To describe the strategy and rationale for environmental sampling and exposure monitoring, including the selection of appropriate sampling methods.
2. To demonstrate the application of principles and techniques for sampling air and contaminated surfaces, food, drinking water, and human specimens to exposure monitoring.
3. To choose and explain the proper chemical and physical analytical methods to be applied to these samples.
4. To implement standard methods of validation and evaluation to determine the strengths and limitations of each sampling and analytical method, and to decide whether results are sensible within those limitations.
5. To identify and describe the standard published references in environmental sampling and analysis for assessment of human exposure.

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Course Texts:

Zhang, C. Fundamentals of Environmental Sampling and Analysis. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, 2007.

Electronic access to this text:

<http://washington.ebib.com/patron/FullRecord.aspx?p=287305>

(<http://washington.ebib.com/patron/FullRecord.aspx?p=287305>)

Ramachandran, G. Occupational Exposure Assessment for Air Contaminants. Boca Raton, FL: Taylor & Francis, 2005.

<http://washington.ebib.com.offcampus.lib.washington.edu/patron/FullRecord.aspx?p=264072>

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Supplemental References:

Keith LH, ed. Principles of Environmental Sampling, Second Edition. Washington, DC: American Chemical Society, 1996.

Leidel NA, Busch KA, Lynch JR. Occupational Exposure Sampling Strategy Manual. Cincinnati, OH: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 1977. <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/77-173/pdfs/77-173.pdf> (<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/77-173/pdfs/77-173.pdf>)

McDermott HJ. Air Monitoring for Toxic Exposures. Second Ed. New York: Wiley Interscience, 2004. <http://uwashington.worldcat.org/title/air-monitoring-for-toxicexposures/oclc/56733897/viewport> (<http://uwashington.worldcat.org/title/air-monitoring-for-toxicexposures/oclc/56733897/viewport>)

National Research Council. Exposure Science in the 21st Century: A Vision and a Strategy. Washington, DC: National Academy Press, 2012. [Exposure Science in the 21st Century.pdf](#)
(<https://www.nap.edu/read/13507/chapter/1>)

Course Requirements:

1. Reading assignments and class participation: Students should read the assignments prior to the scheduled class and be familiar with the background for each topic scheduled. Reading assignments will come from the required texts and provided handouts.
2. Homework problems: Problem sets will be assigned, generally weekly, and are to be completed by each student independently except where specific instructions to the contrary are provided. Homework will be graded and returned in a timely fashion.
3. Examinations: Two mid-term quizzes will be given during class on the dates indicated in the course schedule. Each of these will address material covered since the previous quiz. The final examination is scheduled during examination week, and will be cumulative in its coverage.

Basis for Grading:

The final grade will be determined as the weighted mean of scores on the homework and exams. The weighting factors are:

Homework	40%
Mid Term Quizzes	15% each
Final Exam	30%

Students with Disabilities:

Access and Accommodation

Your experience in this class is important to me. If you have already established accommodations with Disability Resources for Students (DRS), please communicate your approved accommodations to me at your earliest convenience so we can discuss your needs in this course.

If you have not yet established services through DRS, but have a temporary health condition or permanent disability that requires accommodations (conditions 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](tel:206-543-8924) or uwdrs@uw.edu (<mailto:uwdrs@uw.edu>) or disability.uw.edu (<http://disability.uw.edu/>). 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

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Course Summary:

Date	Details	
Mon Jan 6, 2020	 ENVH553A - Lecture 1 - Introduction; Role of Exposure Assessment in Risk Assessment and Risk Management (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322773&include_contexts=course_1354894)	12:30pm to 1:20pm
Wed Jan 8, 2020	 ENVH553A - Lecture 2 - Elements of Exposure Assessment: Concentration, Intake Rate, Deposition & Uptake Fraction (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322772&include_contexts=course_1354894)	12:30pm to 1:20pm

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Fri Jan 10, 2020	 ENVH553A - Lecture 3 - Characteristics of Contaminant Concentration: volume fraction, mass fraction, mass/volume, units (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322771&include_contexts=course_1354894)	11:30am to 12:20pm
	 ENVH553A - Lecture 4 - Characteristics of Particles: Size and Size Distributions (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322776&include_contexts=course_1354894)	12:30pm to 1:20pm
Mon Jan 13, 2020	 ENVH553A - Lecture 5 - Characteristics of Particles, continued (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322770&include_contexts=course_1354894)	12:30pm to 1:20pm
Wed Jan 15, 2020	 ENVH553A - Lecture 6 - Contaminant Properties: Phase Equilibrium (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322769&include_contexts=course_1354894)	12:30pm to 1:20pm
Fri Jan 17, 2020	 ENVH553A - Lecture 7 - Contaminant Properties: Phase equilibria 2 (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322775&include_contexts=course_1354894)	11:30am to 12:20pm
	 ENVH553A - Lecture 8 - Contaminant Properties: Interphase transport (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322768&include_contexts=course_1354894)	12:30pm to 1:20pm
Mon Jan 20, 2020	 UW HOLIDAY (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322779&include_contexts=course_1354894)	12am
	 Problem set #1 (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1354894/assignments/5153240)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Jan 22, 2020	 ENVH553A - Lecture 9: Interaction with Electromagnetic radiation (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322774&include_contexts=course_1354894)	12:30pm to 1:20pm
Fri Jan 24, 2020	 ENVH553A - Lecture 10 - Environmental media properties: density, viscosity, dielectric strength, polarity (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322766&include_contexts=course_1354894)	11:30am to 12:20pm
	 ENVH553A - Lecture 11 Compartment Properties: Volume and Flow Rate (Part 1) (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322765&include_contexts=course_1354894)	12:30pm to 1:20pm
Mon Jan 27, 2020	 ENVH553A Lecture 12 Compartment properties: Volume and Flow rate (part 2) (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322764&include_contexts=course_1354894)	12:30pm to 1:20pm
	 Problem set #2 (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1354894/assignments/5153241)	due by 11:59pm

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Wed Jan 29, 2020	 study session (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322763&include_contexts=course_1354894)	12:30pm to 1:30pm
Fri Jan 31, 2020	 Mid term quiz #1 (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1354894/assignments/5153238)	due by 11:30am
Fri Jan 31, 2020	 ENVH553A Lecture #13 Sampling methods: Integrating versus Continuous; Extractive vs in situ (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322777&include_contexts=course_1354894)	12:30pm to 1:20pm
Mon Feb 3, 2020	 ENVH553A Lecture 14 Particle methods: Particle motion in air (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322762&include_contexts=course_1354894)	12:30pm to 1:20pm
Wed Feb 5, 2020	 ENVH553A Lecture #15 Particle methods: Filtration (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322761&include_contexts=course_1354894)	12:30pm to 1:20pm
Fri Feb 7, 2020	 ENVH553A: Lecture # 16 Particle methods optical electric diffusive (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322759&include_contexts=course_1354894)	11:30am to 12:20pm
Fri Feb 7, 2020	 ENVH553A: Lecture # 17 Monitoring nanoparticles (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322760&include_contexts=course_1354894)	12:30pm to 1:20pm
Mon Feb 10, 2020	 ENVH553A: L#18 Particle methods: Impaction (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322758&include_contexts=course_1354894)	12:30pm to 1:20pm
Wed Feb 12, 2020	 Problem Set #3 (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1354894/assignments/5153242)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Feb 12, 2020	 ENVH553A: Lecture #19: gas methods - Absorption & diffusive samplers (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322757&include_contexts=course_1354894)	12:30pm to 1:20pm
Fri Feb 14, 2020	 ENVH553A: Sampling and analysis methods for microbiological agents (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322767&include_contexts=course_1354894)	11:30am to 1:20pm
Mon Feb 17, 2020	 UW HOLIDAY (https://canvas.uw.edu/calendar?event_id=1322780&include_contexts=course_1354894)	12am
Mon Feb 17, 2020	 Problem set #4 (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1354894/assignments/5153243)	due by 11:59pm

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Wed Feb 19, 2020	 ENVH553A: Lecture # 22 Gas Methods - Optical/Spectroscopy	12:30pm to 1:30pm
Fri Feb 21, 2020	 ENVH553A: Lecture # 20 Gas Methods: Adsorption and Diffusion	11:30am to 12:20pm
	 ENVH553A Lecture #21: Gas Methods - Electrochemical	12:30pm to 1:20pm
Mon Feb 24, 2020	 ENVH553A: Lecture #23 Chromatography	12:30pm to 1:20pm
Wed Feb 26, 2020	 study session	12:30pm to 1:20pm
Fri Feb 28, 2020	 Mid term quiz #2	due by 11:59pm
Mon Mar 2, 2020	 ENVH553A: Lecture # 24: Chromatography (cont.)	12:30pm to 1:20pm
Wed Mar 4, 2020	 ENVH 553 Lecture #25: Mass spectrometry	12:30am to 1:20pm
Fri Mar 6, 2020	 ENV H 553 Lecture #26 Sensors & spatial analysis	11:30am to 12:20pm
	 ENVH553A: Lecture #27 Data Quality	12:30pm to 1:20pm
Mon Mar 9, 2020	 ENVH 553: Lecture #28: Sampling of surfaces and Dermal sampling	12:30pm to 1:20pm
	 Problem Set #5	due by 11:59pm
Wed Mar 11, 2020	 ENVH553A: Study session	12:30pm to 1:20pm

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Fri Mar 13, 2020



Final Exam

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due by 11:30am
