SYLLABUS - ENVS 680 Environmental Studies Internship

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Classroom and Time: Tuesday 6:10-9:00 pm, HSS 151 on the following dates: Feb 4, March 4, April 1, and May 6.

Course Description: The official Bulletin description is: Fieldwork in approved public, private, non-profit, environmental organizations, government and non-government agency or local business under supervision of faculty coordinator.

Half the course is the fieldwork described in the Bulletin, but the other half of the course is the academic work of reflecting on the fieldwork experience. Reflection takes the form of class discussions and writing and presentation assignments designed to get students to think about what they are learning from their fieldwork and how the fieldwork benefits the community.

Course objectives:  
- Student participation in an internship related to the environment  
- Students will assess what they are learning from their internship  
- Students will assess the benefits of their internship to the community and to themselves

Attendance Policy: Attendance in class is required. Class meets only four times so even a single absence means missing a quarter of all class time. Class time will be devoted to activities that cannot be “made up” if they are missed, such as student presentations and class discussion.

Homework assignments. All homework assignments are due at the start of class on the due date. Email submission of assignments will not be accepted. All written assignments must be typed. Late assignments are downgraded a grade for each week (or fraction thereof) late. The activity log and journal cannot be turned in for credit more than one week late. Last Day to hand-in course assignments: Tuesday, May 20th, 5pm.

Grading: Grades are based on the following points:

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Final course grades are based on total points, with 100-90% A, 89-80% B, and 79-70% C. The percentage cutoffs may be adjusted or “curved” downward based on the difficulty of assignments, but they will not be moved upwards.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is using someone else’s work and not giving credit. Plagiarism can consist of either borrowing ideas or borrowing wording or both. If you take a sentence from a source and use it in a paper without quotation marks that is plagiarism. Depending on the seriousness of the case, plagiarism will result in failing an assignment or failing the class. Please don’t plagiarize.

Important Dates: CHSS Withdrawal Policy: The last day to drop a class is February 7th, 2014 at midnight. Starting February 8th – April 25th, 2014 you must submit a withdrawal petition. Withdrawal from a class
starting **February 8th, 2014** will be considered for serious and compelling reasons only and must have accompanying documentation. The following reasons are not considered *serious and compelling*: Changing your major, poor performance, class not required for graduation/major, or more time needed for other classes. If you wish to withdraw from class due to unexpected changes in your work schedule, illness or family emergencies, documentation will be required, along with a copy of unofficial transcripts. If you are requesting a withdrawal, bring your petition and appropriate documentation to the instructor. From **April 26th – May 16th, 2014** you may not withdraw from a class or the University, except in the case of a **serious** documented illness or verified accident.

**CR/NC Option:** **March 21st, 2014** (by midnight) is the last day to request the CR/NC option. The Associate Dean will not approve requests for changes if you miss this deadline.

**Late Add Policy:** The period to add classes via permit numbers is **January 27th - February 7th (midnight), 2014.** The period to add classes by Exception (2nd set of permit numbers) is **February 8th-21st, 2014.** It is your responsibility to procure a late permit number from your instructor and add the class. Faculty cannot add you into a class. Starting **February 22nd, 2014** a Waiver of College Regulations form must be signed by your instructor, Chair and CHSS Associate Dean to add. This will be approved only if there was an administrative error.

**Check your registration through SF State Gateway:** Sign up for CR/NC, drop and add classes by the appropriate deadline online through *SF State Gateway.* **ALWAYS** check your registration after making any changes and **BEFORE** deadlines to be sure you are registered properly for your classes. This is a student responsibility. Deadlines for all registration procedures, including withdrawals and requests for credit/no credit, are listed in the class schedule and will be strictly adhered to by the instructor, the Department Chair and the Associate Dean of College of Health & Social Sciences. For deadlines see: [http://www.sfsu.edu/~admisrec/reg/regsched.html](http://www.sfsu.edu/~admisrec/reg/regsched.html)

**Disability Programs and Resource Center:** Students with disabilities who need reasonable accommodations are encouraged to contact the instructor. The Disability Programs and Resource Center (DPRC) is available to facilitate the reasonable accommodations process. The DPRC, located in SSB 110, can be reached by telephone at 415-338-2472 (voice/TTY) or by e-mail at dprc@sfsu.edu.

### Course Schedule

**Meeting 1 February 4 - 6:10 pm – 9:00 pm**
Introductions. Explanation of course goals and assignments. Small group discussion of personal goals. Individual meetings - Internship “Problem Solving” (Optional)

**Meeting 2 , March 4 – 6:10 pm – 9:00 pm**
*1st installment Activity Log and Journal due. *Work Agreements due. Discussion of evaluation of environmental effectiveness of internship activities. Schedule Final Presentations for last two classes. Internship “Problem Solving” (Optional)

**Meeting 3 April 1 - 6:10 pm – 9:00 pm**
*2nd installment Activity Log and Journal due. Discussion of personal gains through internship experience. Final Presentations (First Round). Internship “Problem Solving” (Optional)

**Meeting 4 May 6 – 6:10 pm – 9:00 pm**
*3rd installment Activity Log due. *3rd install Journal due (with 1st and 2nd journals attached). *Individual Final Presentations due. *Supervisor’s Evaluation due (the form is available on class iLearn site) and should be mailed or emailed to the instructor. Group Discussion on Internship Experience

**Last Day to hand-in course assignments: Tuesday, May 20th, 5pm.**