

ENVS 407 Environmental Studies Theory and Practice*

MW 14:00 to 15:20 Spring Term, 2010, crn 36801

What: a two credit seminar limited to twenty ENVS or ESCI majors.

When: Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 to 3:20 PM, Spring Term 2010. There will be one or two all day (Saturday or Sunday) field trips. We will meet at least once per week, but will not meet every Monday and Wednesday.

Where: 249 Columbia Hall; field trips TBA

What the class entails:

- Read and discuss some classics, including Aldo Leopold's *Sand County Almanac*. Read newer material by recognized leaders in environmental studies including essays by Gary Paul Nabhan, Michael Soulé, and William Cronon.
- Write four, one to two page essays concerning the readings, guest lectures, and your views of the field of environmental studies.
- Visits from graduate students and faculty in the Environmental Studies Program who will talk about their research and their views of the history, status, or future of environmental studies as an interdisciplinary venture.
- Field trips will emphasize multiple perspectives for understanding ecosystem change and ecosystem management in our region over the past three centuries.

Prerequisite: environmental studies or environmental science major standing

Instructor: Alan Dickman, senior instructor of biology and director of the Environmental Studies Program. My usual teaching includes an upper division Forest Biology class and the ENVS 202 introduction to environmental science class

Why do I want to do this? As director of the ENVS program I enjoy getting to work with and know ENVS graduate students, but most of my interactions with undergraduate students are in large classes with a mix of majors. I'm hoping to get to know a small sample of ENVS and ESCI majors better and learn about your reasons for being in this program, your aspirations, and ways we might improve the program. I also want to participate in a small seminar style course on a topic that interests me.

Why might you want to do this? A chance to get to know other ENVS and ESCI majors better, a chance to work closely with a faculty member, a chance to hear from ENVS graduate students and faculty and think about your future, and an enhanced understanding of our environment. What more could you want?

For more information contact Alan Dickman: adickman@uoregon.edu, 346-2549, or stop by during my office hours Tuesdays from 2:30 to 4PM in rm 302 Pacific Hall. We need 10 students to make the class go, and it will be limited to a maximum size of 20.

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