Ecology Seminar Series  BIOL/ENVS/PSC/WATS/WILD 6870

Instructor

Dr. Nancy Huntly, the Ecology Center Director, is the instructor for the Ecology Seminar Series.

Thad Nicholls, the Ecology Center Program Coordinator, is the designated point-of-contact for the Seminar Series. Please direct any questions or concerns related to the Seminar Series (including grading and attendance) to Thad.

You can contact Thad via:

1. Canvas messaging
2. USU email (thad.nicholls@usu.edu (mailto:thad.nicholls@usu.edu))
3. Phone (435) 797-2555
4. Stopping by the Ecology Center Office (NR 314) Monday-Friday 9:15am - 4:00pm (these hours are variable--best to email or call ahead)

Course Requirements

To receive credit for this course you must attend 10 seminars during your registered semester. At least 8 of these seminars must be official Ecology Seminars. The other 2 seminars can be either Ecology Seminars or ecologically related seminars offered by an outside department (Wildland Resources, Biology, etc.).

Ecology Seminars can be viewed the following ways:

1. Via Zoom Meeting. You will receive the Zoom meeting link and information for each seminar about 2 weeks prior to the seminar date via Canvas Announcement and/or as an email from the Ecology Center. Due to time zone differences among the speakers, it is possible that the seminars may not always take place at 4:00pm - 5:00pm Mountain Time, as they typically have during previous semesters.
2. Via live stream on the USU Ecology Center YouTube channel. The times for each seminar will be announced via email from the Ecology Center prior to the seminars taking place, though they are typically done from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. The dates for this semester's seminars can be viewed on the homepage of this Canvas page, or on the Ecology Center website.
3. As recordings on the Ecology Center Website (http://ecology.usu.edu/seminar-series/recorded-seminars/). Any or all of the 10 required seminars may be viewed as recorded seminars. You can choose to watch any of the recordings on the EC website from 2014 to the present as long as you have not already viewed the seminar for credit during a previous semester. Seminars that take place during the Spring 2021 semester will be added to the website as soon as possible, and ideally, within one week.
The Ecology MS and PhD requirements can be reviewed on our website here: http://ecology.usu.edu/seminar-series/recorded-seminars/

- MS students must pass the 1-credit Ecology Seminar at least two times during their program of study.
- PhD students must pass the 1-credit Ecology Seminar at least three times during their program of study.

**Grading**

The Ecology Seminar Series is a Pass / Fail course. To receive a Pass you must attend 10 seminars during your registered semester.

If you do not attend 10 seminars during your registered semester you will receive an F in this class. If you receive an F, you will need to follow USU procedures to get it changed, which includes contacting the Dean of your college to plead your case as to why you could not complete your seminars. It strongly recommended that you complete the attendance requirement during your registered semester, as there is no guarantee that your grade will be changed if requested.

**Recording Your Seminar Attendance**

You must submit a Canvas Assignment (https://usu.instructure.com/courses/639129/assignments) to receive credit for each seminar you attend. Fill out the requested information for each assignment honestly and completely. There are 10 total Canvas assignments that may be submitted any time before 11:59pm Tuesday, May 4th 2021. Please record your 8 required Ecology Center Seminars in Assignments 1-8 ONLY. Assignments 9 and 10 are reserved specifically for Outside seminars, or any Ecology Center Seminars you attend/view in addition to the required 8.

**COVID-19 Safety Guidelines**

All Ecology Seminars for the Spring 2021 Semester will be held virtually, and students should not gather together to view the seminars. However, if you choose to attend any in-person seminars to count towards your 2 outside departmental seminars, you are expected to abide by USU's COVID-19 Classroom Protocols (https://www.usu.edu/covid-19/operations/classroom-protocols):

- Students, faculty, and speakers will maintain 6 feet of separation
- Students, faculty, and speakers are required to wear face coverings
- All surfaces must be cleaned at the start of class
- In person seminar attendance will be tracked by the instructor
- Students, faculty, and speakers should stay home when ill even if the symptoms are mild
- Students, faculty, and speakers should use good hygiene habits including regular hand washing/sanitizer use and covering coughs and sneezes

**Disability Statement**
USU welcomes students with disabilities. If you have, or suspect you may have, a physical, mental health, or learning disability that may require accommodations in this course, please contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) (http://www.usu.edu/drc/) as early in the semester as possible (University Inn # 101, (435) 797-2444, drc@usu.edu (mailto:drc@usu.edu)). All disability related accommodations must be approved by the DRC. Once approved, the DRC will coordinate with faculty to provide accommodations.

Students who are at a higher risk for complications from COVID-19 or who contract COVID-19 may also be eligible for accommodations.

**Academic Integrity (the Honor System)**

The Honor System is governed by Section V-3.A of the USU Code of Student Conduct (https://studentconduct.usu.edu/studentcode/article5). The Honor System forbids all forms of academic dishonesty, including: cheating, falsification, and plagiarism. Ecology Center policy is to report any such instances through Utah State University's standard reporting and disciplinary procedures.