

# ENVS 200: RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND STUDIES

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## New Course Proposal

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Changes proposed by: Ajay Singh (219697401)

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**Catalog Title:**

Research Design and Methods in Environmental Science and Studies

**Class Schedule Title:**

Research Design and Methods

**Academic Group: (College)**

SSIS - Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies

**Academic Organization: (Department)**

Environmental Studies

**Will this course be offered through the College of Continuing Education (CCE)?**

No

**Catalog Year Effective:**

Fall 2024 (2024/2025 Catalog)

**Subject Area: (prefix)**

ENVS - Environmental Studies

**Catalog Number: (course number)**

200

**Course ID: (For administrative use only.)**

TBD

**Units:**

3

**Is the only purpose of this change to update the term typically offered or the enforcement of existing prerequisites at registration?**

No

**In what term(s) will this course typically be offered?**

Fall, Spring

**Does this course require a room for its final exam?**

Yes, final exam requires a room

**This course complies with the credit hour policy:**

Yes

**Justification for course proposal:**

This course is an introductory graduate course in the environmental studies department. This course will introduce students to designing and conducting independent research. The outcomes will be a draft segments of a research prospectus that will help guide future research leading to a project or thesis.

**Course Description: (Not to exceed 80 words and language should conform to catalog copy.)**

This course is designed to provide an understanding on how to develop research in the environmental sciences and studies. This will include an overview of the philosophy of science, interdisciplinary research approaches, creating research questions, literature searches, research design (sampling methods), and managing and analyzing data. Students will develop a research question and develop a literature review of current theory and research methods used to answer the question.

**Are one or more field trips required with this course?**

No

**Fee Course?**

No

**Is this course designated as Service Learning?**

No

**Is this course designated as Curricular Community Engaged Learning?**

No

**Does this course require safety training?**

No

**Does this course require personal protective equipment (PPE)?**

No

**Does this course have prerequisites?**

Yes

**Prerequisite:**

Graduate standing or instructor permission

**Prerequisites Enforced at Registration?**

No

**Does this course have corequisites?**

No

**Graded:**

Letter

**Approval required for enrollment?**

Department Approval

**Course Component(s) and Classification(s):**

Lecture

**Lecture Classification**

CS#02 - Lecture/Discussion (K-factor=1WTU per unit)

**Lecture Units**

3

**Is this a paired course?**

No

**Is this course crosslisted?**

No

**Can this course be repeated for credit?**

No

**Can the course be taken for credit more than once during the same term?**

No

**Description of the Expected Learning Outcomes and Assessment Strategies:**

List the Expected Learning Outcomes and their accompanying Assessment Strategies (e.g., portfolios, examinations, performances, pre-and post-tests, conferences with students, student papers). Click the plus sign to add a new row.

	Expected Learning Outcome	Assessment Strategies
1	Assess and evaluate current literature and create a theoretical foundation for new research	Research Design Paper, Annotated bibliography, Literature synthesis, Research Proposal [PLO 1, 2, 4, 5]
2	Evaluate environmental research design	Methodology Review, Research Proposal [PLO 1, 3, 4, 5]
3	Interpret environmental data	Data Assignments [PLO 3, 5]
4	Construct a literature review and methods section of a research proposal	Research proposal, research presentation [PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]

**For whom is this course being developed?**

Majors in the Dept

**Is this course required in a degree program (major, minor, graduate degree, certificate?)**

Yes

**Has a corresponding Program Change been submitted to Workflow?**

Yes

**Identify the program(s) in which this course is required:**

**Programs:**

MS Environmental Studies

**Does the proposed change or addition cause a significant increase in the use of College or University resources (lab room, computer)?**

No

**Will there be any departments affected by this proposed course?**

No

**I/we as the author(s) of this course proposal agree to provide a new or updated accessibility checklist to the Dean's office prior to the semester when this course is taught utilizing the changes proposed here.**

I/we agree

**University Learning Goals**

**Graduate (Masters) Learning Goals:**

Critical thinking/analysis  
Communication  
Information literacy  
Disciplinary knowledge  
Professionalism  
Research (optional)

**Is this course required as part of a teaching credential program, a single subject, or multiple subject waiver program (e.g., Liberal Studies, Biology) or other school personnel preparation program (e.g., School of Nursing)?**

No

**Is this a Graduate Writing Intensive (GWI) course?**

No

**Please attach any additional files not requested above:**

ENVS 200 Research Design and Methods.docx

**Reviewer Comments:**

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