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Dear Katie,

Please find attached an informational item for the Interdisciplinary Environmental Studies Graduate Program.
Please let me know if any questions or concerns arise.

Best,
Lisa



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## Kowalsky, Lisa

**From:** Miriti, Maria
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**To:** Kowalsky, Lisa
**Subject:** ESGP Informational item
**Attachments:** Letter for ESGP Orientation Course-Combined.pdf

Hi Lisa,

I approve the attached informational item to be forwarded to CAA.

Maria

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W. Randy Smith, Ph.D.
Vice Provost for Academic Programs
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Dear Vice Provost Smith,

I am writing with a curriculum adjustment within the Environmental Sciences Graduate Program (ESGP) that was approved by the Graduate Studies Committee that will not affect the total number of credit hours required for our students.

ESGP has developed a new one-credit-hour orientation course ENV SCI 7800 that will be required for our first-semester graduate students. This course is designed to provide students with a comprehensive introduction to the program and familiarize them with key graduate school and university resources that will support their academic and professional success.

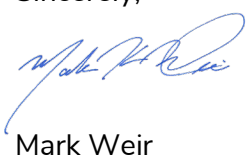
To accommodate this addition without increasing the overall credit-hour requirements, we are making a corresponding change to the existing curriculum. Currently, students enroll in ENV SCI 7899 three times, with one enrollment serving as the venue for their entry presentation. Because students are already required to give an entry presentation in ENTMLGY 7920**,** the entry presentation component in ENV SCI 7899 is now redundant.

As a result, students will enroll in ENV SCI 7899 only twice rather than three times. The one credit hour removed from ENV SCI 7899 will be replaced by ENV SCI 7800, resulting in no net change to the total number of credit hours required for degree completion**.**

We believe this change will better support incoming students by providing them with structured guidance early in their graduate careers while maintaining the overall integrity and credit-hour requirements of the program.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any additional information regarding this proposed curriculum modification.

Sincerely,



Mark Weir
Graduate Studies Chair
Environmental Sciences Graduate Program (ESGP)

# ENV SCI PhD
# Course Requirement Checklist

Student Name: Advisor(s):

**Semester/Grade Earned ESGP Required Courses (21-24 credits)**

_____/_____ **ENV SCI 7899 ESGP Seminar (1 crhr) ENTRY PRESENTATION**
_____/_____ **ENV SCI 7899 ESGP Seminar (1 crhr) INTERDISCIPLINARY PROJECT PRESENTATION**
_____/_____ **ENV SCI 7899 ESGP Seminar (1 crhr) EXIT PRESENTATION**

_____/_____ **ENV SCI 5170 Sustainability and Pollution Prevention Practices (3 crhrs)**

_____/_____ **Biological Sciences Foundational Knowledge (3 crhrs) (choose from approved courses on ESGP website)**
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_____/_____ **Physical Sciences Foundational Knowledge (3 crhrs) (choose from approved courses on ESGP website)**
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_____/_____ **Social Sciences/Policy Foundational Knowledge (3 crhrs) (choose from approved courses on ESGP website)**
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_____/_____ **Entomology 7920 Presentation Skills for Interdisciplinary Scientists (2 crhrs)**

_____/_____ **Data Analysis Methods (3 crhrs)**

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_____/_____ **Grant Writing (1-4 crhrs)**

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- **Remaining credits are a combination of research hours in your advisor's home department and elective courses planned between you and your advisor. Total credit hours must be at least 80 to earn the PhD.**
- **In addition to the general Graduate School requirements of a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher, students must meet specific college policies regarding grades in courses.**

I certify that the above-named student has meet the requirements for completion of the MS:

*Graduate Program Manager Signature* *Date*

# ENV SCI PhD
# Proposed Course Requirement Checklist

Student Name: Advisor(s):

**Semester/Grade Earned ESGP Required Courses (21-24 credits)**

_____/_____ **ENV SCI 7800 Orientation to the Environmental Sciences Graduate Program (1 crhr)**

_____/_____ ~~**ENV SCI 7899 ESGP Seminar (1 crhr) ENTRY PRESENTATION**~~
_____/_____ **ENV SCI 7899 ESGP Seminar (1 crhr) INTERDISCIPLINARY PROJECT PRESENTATION**
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# ENV SCI PhD
# Course Requirement Checklist

Student Name: Advisor(s):

**Semester/Grade Earned** **ESGP Required Courses (21-24 credits)**

_____/_____ **ENV SCI 7800** **Orientation to the ESGP (1crhr)**

_____/_____ **ENV SCI 7899** **ESGP Seminar (1 crhr) INTERDISCIPLINARY PROJECT PRESENTATION**
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