

ENVS 607 – Seminar: Student Oral Presentations
2:00 - 3:20 F, 101 PETR

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COURSE PLAN

As the continuation of your year-long orientation to graduate study in ENVS, this term's segment will focus on the refinement of your thesis/project. To this end, you will create a poster presentation of your prospective research for presentation at the Joint Campus Conference, "Bridging the Divide," to be hosted by OSU on May 20th. You will also complete a literature review/annotated bibliography relevant to your thesis/project. Since these activities will involve significant work outside of the classroom, we will limit class time to bi-weekly meetings. As the conclusion of the course, we will discuss Gary Paul Nabhan's recent book, *Cross-Pollinations*, which relates his experiences of how the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities mutually enrich environmental research and practice.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. attendance and participation in seminar meetings
2. completion of poster for May 20th JCC and attendance at poster session:
NOTE: you must individually register online for the JCC **no later than April 8th**. At the time of registration, you will be expected to provide a title and abstract (no more than 300 words in pdf format) for your poster. Registration and other information is available at <http://oregonstate.edu/conferences/jointconference2005/index.html>.
3. literature review (15-20 pages) OR annotated bibliography (20+ sources) relevant to your thesis or project, due by the end of final exam week.
4. read & discuss Gary Paul Nabhan, *Cross-Pollinations: The Marriage of Science and Poetry* (Milkweed Editions, 2004), about 70 pages. Copies are available in the ENVS library.

GRADING

Although the grading for this course is Pass/No Pass, you must successfully complete all four course requirements in order to receive a passing grade in the course.

In addition, your first-year progress evaluation will be scheduled at the end of the term. This evaluation, which will become part of your **permanent record**, will rank your progress on the following five criteria:

1. Completion of course plan and satisfactory course progress
2. Selection of director and committee for thesis/project
3. Completion and quality of poster/oral presentation and lit. review/bibliography
4. Quality of thesis/project design
5. Reasonable plan for completion of thesis/project

607 SCHEDULE (this is tentative and flexible)

April 1	organizational meeting
April 8	NO MEETING: Finalize title and abstract for JCC. Register for JCC by this date!
April 15	Poster creation session with veteran ENVS students
April 22	NO MEETING: work on posters
April 29	poster presentations and feedback sessions
May 6	NO MEETING: work on posters
May 13	poster presentations and feedback sessions
*May 20	final poster presentations at OSU
May 27	NO MEETING: work on literature review/bibliography
June 3	discuss Gary Paul Nabhan, <i>Cross-Pollinations</i>
*June 10	literature review/bibliography due