

# ENVS 240 - Writing for Environmental Science

Hybrid, 3 credits

**Overview:** This course is designed to develop skills in reading, writing, and communicating scientific and technical concepts in a variety of formats such as scientific research papers, professional letters and memos, grant proposals, and science news stories. Students will have opportunities to evaluate good models of written documents and scientific presentations as well as share and evaluate the work of other students.

*Prerequisite: ENGL 102*

Professionals in environmental science spend a great deal of time reading and writing scientific reports, articles, memos, proposals, policy statements, and other scientific and technical documents. Becoming good at this requires practice! So, this is the place to sharpen your skills and plan for a future as an environmental scientist. We've heard from potential employers that they'd rather have applicants who can read, write, and think than applicants that have narrow laboratory or field skills. They can teach you the day-to-day workings of the job, but it's much harder to teach you how to read critically, write clearly, and communicate effectively!

**Format:** The course will meet once a week on campus and use PLATO for the rest of the course.

**Materials needed:** *Writing Papers in the Biological Sciences* by Victoria E. McMillan



