Syllabus for ESM 150 Winter 2016

Instructor:

John Rueter,
Professor and Chair
Environmental Sciences and Management Department

Use D2L mail to contact me for routine course-related material.
Use rueterj@pdx.edu for emergency or D2L problems. Put "ESM150-problem" in the subject line.
office hours - TBA
SRTC Room 218

Course details:

fully-online
no class time scheduled
1 credit
required under new Environmental Studies and Environmental Sciences programs

Purpose of the course:

In this set of 10 modules you will be guided through an orientation to the choices you have in your chosen degree and the resources that are available for you to make decisions. The goal of this course is to empower you to take responsibility for guiding your academic and professional career. We will accomplish these goals in this class by helping you understand our curriculum and how the courses fit in to that overall structure, providing feedback on your progress in the curriculum, encourage you to be engaged in other activities that build experience and skills and plug you into to a professional network that will help you find a job in your career path. This course is really an overview to the curriculum and the overall expectations we have for our graduates.

Modules, with brief description:

Introduction
Overview of the course and resources at PSU

ESM
The ESM department is your "home" for several degree options

Preparation for PSU and ESM
What you should do if you are a new freshman or transfer student and the expectations that we have for entering students
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>UNST</td>
<td>Explains how Portland State's general education program (University Studies) fits into our curriculum and how to select courses.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Progress analysis</td>
<td>Based on the courses you have already taken, we will have an individualized analysis of your progress and get feedback from you.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Careers</td>
<td>Making the world a better place is easier if you get paid to do it and have resources - i.e. how to get a job in the field.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Getting involved</td>
<td>One of the main benefits from college comes from the professionally related activities and the friends you make.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>General advice</td>
<td>A detour to explain some of the processes and policies at PSU and in our department that are important.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Assemble your portfolio</td>
<td>For individual advising, you will need materials that we assigned in this class.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Getting started</td>
<td>Based on your status in the program (Freshman, Soph, Junior or Senior), you will be given a checklist of the next steps toward a successful degree and career search.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Grading**

This course is graded P/NP.

You must do one unit per week - due on Sunday of each week.

To receive a pass, you must complete all ten module assignments before March 15, 2016 (the Sunday after the last day of class).

You are only allowed 3 late assignments - and those must each be in within a week of the due date - or you will fail.
Standard ESM Syllabus Elements

Every course you take in ESM should cover the following general topics:

link to ESM General Syllabus

1. Communications contract
2. Student conduct code
3. Academic honesty
4. Sickness and class attendance policy - not applicable for this course
5. Using course outcomes for assessment - implied consent