Ecosystem Sci & Sustainability (ESS) (ESS)

Courses

ESS 130  System Theory and Information Management  Credit: 1 (0-2-0)
Course Description: Applying computers, networks, software applications, and the internet for managing information in ecosystem science and sustainability.
Prerequisite: AGRI 140 or BUS 150 or CS 110.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ESS 210  Physical Geography  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: GR 210.
Course Description: Energy, mass budget, and human impacts on atmosphere, hydrosphere, and continental land surfaces.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both ESS 210 and GR 210.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ESS 211  Foundations in Ecosystem Science  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Linkage between society and ecosystems services as foundation for sustainability of the coupled human-environmental system.
Prerequisite: GR 210.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ESS 220  Research Skills for Ecosystem Science I  Credit: 1 (0-0-1)
Course Description: Fundamental skills for participating in ecosystem science research through hands-on learning modules.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Written consent of instructor.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ESS 221  Research Methods for Ecosystem Science II  Credit: 1 (0-0-1)
Course Description: Advanced topics in the practice of the scientific method and participation in research.
Prerequisite: ESS 220.
Registration Information: Written consent of instructor.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ESS 298  Research  Credits: Var[1-3]
Course Description: Directed ecosystem science research.
Prerequisite: ESS 221, may be taken concurrently.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ESS 311  Ecosystem Ecology  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Principles of ecosystems ecology, emphasis on their application to coupled natural and human systems.
Prerequisite: ESS 211.
Registration Information: Required field trips.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ESS 330  Quantitative Reasoning for Ecosystem Science  Credits: 3 (2-2-0)
Course Description: Understanding diverse approaches for using data and models to understand complex ecological systems.
Prerequisites: (ESS 211 or LIFE 320) and (MATH 155 or MATH 160) and (STAT 301 or STAT 307 or STAT 315).
Registration Information: Junior or senior standing.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: Yes.

ESS 340  System Theory for Ecosystem Science  Credits: 3 (2-2-0)
Course Description: Principles of ecosystems ecology, emphasis on their application to coupled natural and human systems.
Prerequisite: ESS 211.
Registration Information: Required field trips.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ESS 411  Earth Systems Ecology  Credits: 3 (2-2-0)
Course Description: Earth as a system, stressing ecological interactions among energy, water, and biogeochemistry.
Prerequisite: ESS 311.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: Yes.

ESS 440  Practicing Sustainability  Credits: 4 (2-0-2)
Course Description: Capstone integration of ecosystem science and sustainability, focused on case studies.
Prerequisites: ESS 311 and ESS 330.
Registration Information: Senior standing in WCNR. Must register for lecture and recitation.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: Yes.

ESS 486  Ecosystem Practicum  Credits: 2 (0-0-2)
Course Description: One-week field practicum to examine ecosystem science and sustainability issues in Colorado landscapes.
Prerequisites: ESS 211 and NR 220.
Registration Information: Senior standing. Required field trips.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ESS 487  Internship  Credits: Var[1-6]
Course Description: Supervised work experience in professional settings related to Ecosystem Science and Sustainability.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Written consent of instructor.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.
ESS 495  Independent Study in Ecosystem Science  Credits: Var[1-6]
Course Description: None.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

ESS 501  Principles of Ecosystem Sustainability  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Principles of ecosystem sustainability and threats to sustainability. Students will investigate and develop case studies.
Prerequisite: BZ 300 to 499 or ECOL 300 to 499 or CHEM 300 to 499.
Registration Information: Admission to graduate school. Sections may be offered: Online.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ESS 524  Foundations for Carbon/Greenhouse Gas Mgmt  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Foundations for understanding greenhouse gas emissions management and accounting.
Prerequisite: BZ 300 to 499 or ECOL 300 to 499 or CHEM 300 to 499.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ESS 542  Greenhouse Gas Policies  Credit: 1 (0-0-1)
Course Description: Rules, regulations and standards for greenhouse gas management and accounting.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Graduate standing.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.

ESS 543  Current Topics in Climate Change  Credits: 2 (2-0-0)
Also Offered As: ATS 543.
Course Description: Climate fundamentals and current topics in climate change.
Prerequisite: BZ 300 to 499 or ECOL 300 to 499 or LIFE 300 to 499 or CHEM 300 to 499.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both ESS 543 and ATS 543.<Sections may be offered: Online.br>
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.

ESS 545  Applications in Greenhouse Gas Inventories  Credits: 4 (2-6-0)
Course Description: Overview of methods for estimating greenhouse gas emissions and mitigation potential for agriculture and forestry activities.
Prerequisite: ESS 524.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and laboratory. Required field trips.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ESS 565  Niche Models  Credits: 4 (3-2-0)
Course Description: Concepts and application of niche models in ecosystem science.
Prerequisites: (BSPM 526 or BZ 526 or BZ 535 or BZ 548 or BZ 561 or ECOL 505 or ECOL 600 or ECOL 610 or ECOL 620 or FW 555 or FW 662) and (STAT 511).
Registration Information: STAT 511 or written consent of instructor. Must register for lecture and laboratory.
Term Offered: Fall (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ESS 575  Models for Ecological Data  Credits: 4 (3-2-0)
Course Description: Gaining insight about the operation of ecological processes using models and data.
Prerequisites: MATH 255 and STAT 340.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and laboratory.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ESS 625  Ecology of Forest Production  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: F 625.
Course Description: Develops student expertise in understanding carbon and nutrient flows in forests.
Restriction: Must be a Graduate, Professional.
Term Offered: Spring (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

ESS 660  Biogeochemical Cycling in Ecosystems  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Biotic and abiotic processes responsible for distribution and fluxes of elements at ecosystem, landscape, and global scales.
Prerequisites: CHEM 245 and SOCR 240 and ECOL 300 to 699.
Restriction: Must be a Graduate, Professional.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
ESS 695  Independent Study in Ecosystem Science  Credits: Var[1-6]
Course Description: 
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.