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Master Course Syllabus

Department: Environmental and Agricultural Management

Course Prefix/Number: AGRI 580

Official Course Title: Research Writing for Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Master Syllabus Approved by Department on: ___11___/___15___/___10___
month date year

I. Catalog Description:

Preparation of writing samples, technical reviews, and/or professional manuscripts related to various topics in agriculture and environmental science. Credit for 2 or more classes of ANSC 580, AGRI 580 or ENVS 580 will not be awarded. Cross-listed with ENVS 580.

II. Prerequisites: Approved research methodology course and approval of instructor of record.

III. Expanded Course Description:

This course is intended to strengthen the written communications skills for graduate students completing the M.S. thesis or non-thesis option. Completion of the course is required and it should follow the research methods class. Students enrolled will prepare a number of writing samples based on different classes of agriculturally related publications: trade or industry, lay or non-technical, technical, and research manuscripts. Each student must submit one manuscript for review by faculties to complete course requirements. Students also will be introduced to the processes of the literature review, a research synthesis, editorial and publication styles, and manuscript submission.

IV. Intended Student Learning Outcomes?

Required knowledge outcomes: Each student enrolled will understand various publication styles, manuscript formatting, and submission processes for selected publications. They also will learn how to conduct an in-depth literature review and prepare a research synthesis.

Optional skill outcomes: Proficiencies with word-processing, Internet source searches, publication, and presentation softwares.

Optional value outcomes: It is believed that each student will learn to appreciate the art of writing for a variety of venues.

V. Unless otherwise stipulated in this master syllabus by the department, the following items are subject to faculty discretion as described in each faculty member's individual course outline/syllabus:

- a) Course Requirements
- b) Required Text(s)
- c) Performance Evaluation and Grading Policies

VI. Academic Honesty:

Cheating, plagiarism (submitting another person's materials or ideas as one's own), or doing work for another person who will receive academic credit are all impermissible. This includes the use of unauthorized books, notebooks, or other sources in order to secure or give help during an examination, the unauthorized copying of examinations, assignments, reports, or term papers, or the presentation of unacknowledged materials as if it were the student's own work. Disciplinary action may be taken beyond the academic discipline administered by the faculty member who teaches the course in which the cheating took place.

VII. Students With Disabilities Policy:

It is the policy of Tarleton State University to comply with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other federal, state, and local laws relative to the provision of disability services. Students with disabilities attending Tarleton State University may contact the Office of Disability Services at (254) 968-9478 to request appropriate accommodation. Furthermore, formal accommodation requests cannot be made until the student has been officially admitted to Tarleton State University.

Department Head Signature/Date:

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Date