A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites:

WRIT 231 Writing II
OR
WRIT 261 Business Writing
OR
WRIT 271 Technical Writing or equivalent with instructor's consent.

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies, Goal 10 - People/Environment, Goal EL - General Education/Liberal Studies Elect.

This course focuses on environmental communication which encompasses a multidisciplinary viewpoint. The course helps students understand how environmental issues and conflicts develop, the values underlying the perspectives on these issues, how these values are presented, and the scientific and technical information involved in understanding environmental communication.

B. Course Effective Dates: 05/07/2017 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Able to analyze the underlying values that propel disagreements in-depth.
2. Advanced skills in writing about environmental issues for a specific audience, purpose, and situation.
3. Advanced understanding of the role of scientific and technical writing in environmental issues.
4. Demonstrate critical thinking skills at an advanced level.
5. Establish guidelines for effective environmental communication.
6. Understand the complexities of environmental issues.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies
None

Goal 10 - People/Environment

1. Explain the basic structure and function of various natural ecosystems and of human adaptive strategies within those systems.
2. Discern patterns and interrelationships of bio-physical and socio-cultural systems.
3. Describe the basic institutional arrangements (social, legal, political, economic, religious) that are evolving to deal with environmental and natural resource challenges.
4. Evaluate critically environmental and natural resource issues in light of understandings about interrelationships, ecosystems, and institutions.

Goal EL - General Education/Liberal Studies Elect.
G. Special Information

Community Engagement
Prerequisite: Successful completion of Goal 1 Communication. Note: Formerly known as WRIT 575 Environmental Communication.