DETAILED COURSE DESCRIPTION

COURSE:  EWP 300 SURVEY OF ENVIRONMENTAL WRITING
          3 Credit Hours, Fall Semester

SCOPE:
1. Level of Instruction:
   a. EWP 300 is an upper-division writing course intended to fulfill core requirements in
      Environmental Studies’ Communication, Culture and Writing option, and in the Environmental
      Writing & Rhetoric minor.

2. Relation to curriculum or to other ESF or Syracuse University courses:
   a. EWP 300 is a required course for the Environmental Studies Communication, Culture and
      Writing option, and for the Environmental Writing & Rhetoric minor.
   b. Shared resource requirements: None; a graduate offering is not planned.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

After completing this course the student should be able to:

1. Analyze the nuances and conventions of contemporary environmental writing to a
   public, professional and academic audience.

2. Research and compose a variety of environmental document options including,
   but not limited to field notes, journals, poetry, memoir, natural history, polemics,
   historical research, and collaborative projects.

MAJOR CONCEPTS OR METHODOLOGIES:

Explore theoretical practices and style of effective environmental writing

Refine critical reading, writing, research, analysis, argument and presentation skills with
emphasis on environmental issues and controversies

Develop a writing portfolio representing a range of writing processes and environmental
writing

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

EWP 300. Survey of Environmental Writing.

Students will explore forms of environmental writing including but not limited to:
journalism, poetry, memoir, field notes, historical research, natural histories and
polemics. Students will analyze these writings rhetorically and create a range of
texts including creative pieces, factually-based reporting, nature writing, and writing about science. Fall. Prerequisite(s): EWP 190 and EWP 290.

**COURSE HISTORY:**

The course was introduced in 2010 as a core course in the Environmental Studies Communication, Culture and Writing option, and in the Environmental Writing & Rhetoric minor.