



NRES 701: Graduate Colloquia

Fridays, 3:30-4:30 pm Room 8-164

Fall Term 2017

Course website: <http://cirrus.unbc.ca/701/>

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(Note however I have an open door policy when in the office)

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Course Description

This course exposes students to a range of research and styles of presentation conducted in natural resources and environmental studies through attendance at weekly research colloquia over the Fall and Winter semesters of a calendar year. **Please note:** students **must** take this course **twice** to complete the NRES Master's degree program. This is a pass/fail course.

Prerequisites: admission into any of the Master's degrees in the NRES program

Participation in Course

NRES 701 meets once a week for one hour at the Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Institute weekly colloquia. Students must attend at least 80% (a minimum 9 out of 11) of the regularly scheduled NRESi colloquia to successfully complete this course. Physical attendance of the presentation is anticipated to be the norm. At the end of the semester, students must provide the instructor the list of seminars they attended for this course, and whether that was in person or through remote communication. In case of time conflict with field and other research activities, remote participation is possible through the Blue Jeans or Livestream broadcasts. This can be accessed through the NRESi website at: <http://www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/colloquium-series>.

To successfully complete the course, students are also required to provide (digitally) written responses to questions for six of the weekly presentations (single spaced: 500 words maximum). This summary is expected to be clearly and concisely written at the graduate level. The summaries will be reviewed by the instructor for content and language but will not be evaluated. Feedback will be provided only upon request. A

Word or PDF document of the responses must be emailed to the instructor by midnight on the following Thursday after the colloquium. When emailing the response documents, the subject line should be in the format: “NRES701_DDMMYY_LastName_Summary#”, where the date is in the format of day (DD), month (MM) and year (YY) and # is 1 through 6 sequentially, depending on which assignment you are submitting. Please use the Word template to complete the six summaries and clearly identify responses to each of the four questions. Late assignments will not be accepted nor count toward the expected six summaries for the semester. Any violation (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) of the UNBC code of academic honesty will result in automatic failure of this course.

Other academic presentations at UNBC (e.g., Global Fridays) may also provide discussions related to each student’s thesis topic. If this is the case, students can contact the instructor **at least two days in advance**, and they can be waived attendance of the NRES colloquium for the week in place of another presentation that same week. The presentation, like the NRES Colloquia, must have a recognized academic scholar provide a research-based presentation (e.g., student presentations are not appropriate). **Note:** there are occasional special NRESi colloquia offered at other days and times of their usual series on Friday afternoons. Students are not required to participate in those seminars unless they wish to use these in replacement of the 3:30 p.m. Friday seminar.

Grading Scheme

As noted above, NRES 701 is a Pass/Fail course. Students are obliged to provide a list of the seminars they attended by the end of the semester and six, well written responses to questions on six of the presentations.

Virtual Attendance

To remotely access the weekly NRESi colloquia, see the information below (for more information, access <http://www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/webcast>).

The Livestream system transmits a live video recording of the talk through your browser. Provided that the speaker agrees to archive the talk the talks will be recorded and made available to view at a later date.

A Blue Jeans session will also be active during each NRESi colloquium and can be accessed with a browser at: <https://bluejeans.com/958307574> and the sessions can also be joined by phone at 1 (888) 240-2560 with conference 958307574.

Both systems should transmit a live video recording of the talk through your browser. Provided that the speaker agrees to archive the talk the talks will be recorded and made available to view at a later date.

NOTE: Students who use this system should email the instructor a copy of their login ID each week they access it.