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Getting to Know Environmental Studies ENST 191.01 (CRN: 72443) 1cr UM FLAT (& Locations TBA) Fall 2021

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Open to EVST Majors Only; Open to Freshman Level Only; CR/NCR grading

Course Goals/Outcomes:

- Welcome first year students to the EVST Program, help them feel at home and familiar with EVST major & program
- Have students meet and get to know several EVST faculty (Dan, Len, Rosalyn, Caroline, Robin, Mark), staff and the EVST College Advisor
- Foster camaraderie and friendships among EVST first year group
- Answer students' Q's, make UM and Missoula referrals for needs, problems, opportunities that arise
- Listen to students' experiences re EVST courses, other courses, being away from home, etc.
- Inform and familiarize students with important features of EVST major
 - Spring semester courses and options
 - EVST advising process (particularly for Spring semester)
 - o PEAS Farm & UM FLAT
 - o Internship Possibilities and process for setting up internships
 - Meet representatives from several Missoula environmental organizations

Schedule

TH 9/9 5pm Meet in Rankin, Vans to PEAS Farm, Introduction to EVST

- Greetings from EVST Director Dan Spencer and PEAS Farm Instructor Caroline Stephens
- Go over syllabus and plan for the other 3 ENST 191 meetings: TH 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7 (all 5-7pm)
- Find out who we all are (Student introductions): Name, where from, interests in EVST
- Introduction to PEAS Farm (Caroline Stephens)
- Introduce EVST Director Robin Saha & Advisor Gisele Forrest; Go over the EVST Majors (BA & BS)
- Prepare for 9/16 (clothes!) and 9/23 (bikes!) meetings

TH 9/16 5pm Meet in front of Jeannette Rankin Hall. We'll walk to the Clark Fork River for a Citizen Science workshop with the Watershed Education Network. Wear shoes and bring clothes that you can get into the stream with!

TH 9/23 5pm Meet in front of Jeannette Rankin Hall, bike tour of Missoula bike paths, visit to the Montana Natural History Center, and then to Free Cycles and talk with Bob Giordano, Missoula's bicycle guru. Bring your bike! If you don't have access to a bike – ask Dan for ways you can borrow one.

TH 9/30 5pm Meet in front of Rankin Hall, tour Native Plants garden with Prof. Rosalyn LaPier and learn about Indigenous Knowledge and Environmental Sustainability Focus Area & Certificate. Meet with Prof. Mark Sundeen and learn about the Environmental Writing Focus Area & Certificate in EVST; Meet CAMAS Co-Editors Zoey Greenberg and Paulina Jenney.

Thu 10/7 5pm Meet at UM FLAT, pre-registration conversation with faculty, EVST students, and EVST professional advisor Gisele Forrest, as well as representatives from several Missoula environmental organizations (WRFI, Wilderness & Civilization, Swan Valley Connections, EPI); Tour UM FLAT and meet with FLAT co-directors.