

Course Announcement — Spring 2013

Writing About Science and Agriculture (1 cr)

YDAE 49100 - 014 (CRN: 60247)

W 3:30 - 5:20, January 7 – March 3 (8-week course)

Matthews Hall 301

Professionals in science and agriculture must be able to communicate effectively with non-experts and members of the public. This eight-week, one-credit course will provide a specialized and intensive treatment of audience-centered writing with special emphasis on peer editing, individualized coaching and rewriting to improve successive drafts.

Students taking the class will accomplish the following objectives:

- Learn to write and organize science and technical information for public and lay audiences;
- Develop advanced editing skills to improve the professional quality of writing across different genres;
- Gain an introduction to opinion writing;
- Use a writing rubric to diagnose and improve their own and others' writing; and
- Develop one to two professional writing samples during the semester for use in their professional portfolios.

Prerequisites

- AGR major or HHS major;
- 3 credits of English composition;
- COM 11400 or equiv.

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