

GEOG/NRM 483 W-O – RESEARCH DESIGN, WRITING, AND  
PRESENTATION METHODS (3 credits)

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Fall 2016

TENTATIVE SYLLABUS

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INSTRUCTOR	Chris Maiq Assistant Professor
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OFFICE HOURS	Wednesday 11:00 pm ±noon Thursday noon ±1:00 pm And by appointment
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LECTURES	Murie 105 Tuesday & Thursday Class Time 2:00 pm -3:30 pm

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BOOK

Required Elements of Style by Strunk and White (4<sup>th</sup> edition).

Other relevant readings will be assigned and distributed via Blackboard or in class.

PREREQUISITES

ENGL F111X; ENGL F211X OR ENGE213X; at least one writing intensive course designated (W) at least junior standing or permission of instructor.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed as a capstone research and professional development course for Geography, Natural Resources Management, and Geoscience majors. It can also serve as a Research Methods course for undergraduates in other programs, beginning graduate students. Students will focus on designing an individual research project proposal. The course will provide real world active learning assignments that seek to integrate the knowledge and skills gained through undergraduate courses with research and writing skills.

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## COURSE POLICIES

### EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to come to class prepared on time. This includes reading the assigned material, having completed all assignments that are due and prepared to discuss the course material. There is also an expectation that students will act with professionalism and be respectful to other students, the instructor, and guests. A failure to meet these expectations will result in a lowering of the final course grade and dismissal from the class in which the expectations were not met.

### ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION

Attendance and participation will be worth a total of 20% of the final grade. Attendance will be taken at the start of each class. If there is an emergency or other important obligation which prevents a student from attending class, they are expected to email the instructor prior to the absence. If students do not email prior, absence points will be deducted from the participation grade and other related course work. Participation points will be based on in-class assignments, discussion, and peer reviews.

### STUDENT CONDUCT

UAF students are subject to the Student Code of Conduct. The principles of the student code are designed to encourage communication, foster academic integrity and defend freedoms of inquiry, discussion and expression across the university community.

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### VETERAN SUPPORT

It is an honor to have veterans attending UAF and every accommodation will be made to support their success. Please let me know if there is anything that can be done to facilitate your transition or continuation of an academic career.

Walter Crary is the Veterans Service Officer at the Veterans Resource Center, 111 Eielson Building. 474-2475.

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Fairbanks Vet Center 456-2388. VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic at Ft. Wainwright is 361-6370.

### STUDENT EVALUATION

Assignment

Points

### EVALUATION SCHEDULE

Due Date	Assignment	Course Points
9/15	Proposal: Topic Summary	25
9/27	Proposal: Outline/Concept Map	50
10/6	Proposal: Figure Draft 1	25
10/11	Proposal: Draft 1	50
10/11	Peer Review: Proposal Draft 1	50
10/20	Proposal: Figure Draft 2	25
10/27	Proposal: Draft 2	75
10/27	Peer Review: Proposal 2	50

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Week	Date	Lectures	In-Class Activity	Assignments Due
8	18 Oct T			