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LEAD CITY UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Sciences

Department of Environmental Management and Toxicology

COURSE PARTICULARS

Course Code: EMT 319

Course Title: Introduction to Scientific writing and presentation in Environmental Sciences

Course Units: 2

Course Status: Elective

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Course description: This course is about description of scientific approach in writing environmental researches.

Course objectives:

- To introduce students to field study approach.
- To develop senses of appreciating issues of sample selection, accuracy, precision and uncertainty during collection recording and analyzing data in the field and laboratory.
- To prepare, processing, interpreting and presenting data using appropriate qualitative and quantitative techniques and packages including geographic information system.
- To foster skillful and creative research writing.

Assessment

Class attendance - 5 marks
Assignment - 15 marks
Class test(s) - 20 marks
Final examination - 60 marks
Total - 100 marks

Lecture plan

- Week 1: Introduction to field study approach
- Week 2: Student group research project
- Week 3: Writing information about environment
- Week 4: Nature writing
- Week 5: Science writing
- Week 6: Topical issues in the field of environment
- Week 7: How to write your Thesis (Thesis structure)
- Week 8: Abstract and introduction
- Week 9: Methods
- Week 10: Results and Discussions
- Week 11: Conclusion, Recommendation and References
- Week 12: Revision

Tutorial Questions

- 1. "Fieldwork exercise is a prerequisite or training for scientific writing in environmental sciences".

 Discuss
- 2. What is environmental journalism?
- 3. Define environmental education
- 4. Explain the genres of environmental education
- 5. Choose an environmental topic, write a short and concise field report on any of your choosing topic
- 6. a. Highlight and explain how figures and tables in your thesis could be used meaningfully b. How can you examine your figures?
- 7. What is thesis structure? Highlight in order, the thesis structure
- 8. Abstract depicts your thesis, how?
- 9. "Results in your thesis are very germane to your conclusion". Discuss
- 10. Justify that scientific writing in environmental science is an agglomeration of genres
- 11. Discuss how you can edit your thesis
- 12. What is referencing? How can you write a good reference in your thesis?