

# Contract for CAPSTONE Course in Environmental Studies

Check off the appropriate box:

- PGEOG 39300, Capstone in Environmental Studies, or  GEOL 39300, Capstone in Geology, or
- PGEOG 49000, Honors in Environmental Studies (minimum 3.5 GPA in major course of study)\*, or
- PGEOG 49803, Internship\*\*, or  PGEOG 48000, Capstone in Physical Geography

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPL ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty

Semester

Mentor' Name: \_\_\_\_\_

and Year: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE or TOPIC of project

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**STATEMENT OF INTENT.** The Capstone Experience in Environmental Studies is an in-depth look at a specific topic that you are interested in researching and that will advance your knowledge as well as your research skills in your major course of study. Be specific in your description of the project detailing what you would like to do, why you would like to do it, and how you will go about achieving your goal. Please **type** the statement of and **attach it to this contract as a second or third page**. Your statement should be between 300 and 600 words. The outcome of the project should be a report in the form of a scholarly article

The statement of intent needs to be drafted by you in consultation with the full-time Department of Geography faculty member who will act as your mentor and supervise your work. This statement needs to include the following information:

- 1) The research question: As you can best articulate it.
- 2) The research claim (hypothesis): State what might be your best guess as to the answer to the question(s) you pose.
- 3) The rationale: Why would the answer to this question be important?
- 4) A brief outline of the methods to be used to collect and analyze data.

Your final research report will include the following sections: introduction, background and theory, research design (methods), findings (results), discussion, conclusions and references (bibliography). It is suggested that your paper follow the format used in the journal articles that you have used for your research and are list in your bibliography.

Once you and your mentor agree to the terms of the project, which may include regular meetings, both of you must sign the document and present the original document to the undergraduate Environmental Studies adviser who will only then enter permission for you to register. Take the original signed contract to the department office and keep a copy for yourself and your mentor.

I agree to supervise this student's work as described.

I will complete the work within the time constraints and parameters imposed by my faculty mentor.

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Faculty member's signature and date

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Student's signature and date

**\*When you file for graduation you MUST inform your major advisor that you have taken PGEOG 49000.**

**\*\*In addition to this contract a completed Internship Packet is required prior to registration.**