



WRITTEN IN SAND: ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND CREATIVE WRITING

This program fuses marine science and environmental history with literary study and creative writing as we engage deeply with Evergreen’s own forest-cloaked beach, located among the southern inlets of the Salish Sea. Through laboratory and field experiences, students will develop observational and experimental skills that will serve them as thinkers and researchers. Literary study and creative writing practice will allow for expansive forms of inquiry and expression as we learn about the connections between land and water, history and identity, environment and meaning.

Our approach to inquiry is known as “Environmental Humanities”, which involves broadly interdisciplinary study and, for us, an open inquiry into the land-water interface of the Evergreen campus, cultivating curiosity and depth of understanding of the land we are on, its history, and the natural systems and phenomena that shape it. In particular, students will learn about the natural history, cultural connections, and coastal environment of South Puget Sound across geologic time and to the climatic changes of the future. Our explorations will include local day field trips and an overnight field trip to observe other marine environments; the overnight field trip will include day and evening hikes over intermediate terrain and may also include some inclement weather.

Writing practice will be driven by weekly workshops that offer students guidance to develop creative practices and experiment with narrative and poetic forms while also providing a grounding in college-level analytic and critical writing. Literary readings will reinforce creative practice by exemplifying literary responses to the environment, historical research, scientific inquiry, and observation.

As a culmination of student work, we will produce a print anthology sampling student work from the quarter. Along the way, students will learn some basic skills in editing, graphic design, and collaboration.

- Biology
- Creative Writing
- Environmental Studies
- Literature
- Marine Science

GREENER FOUNDATIONS

This program is coordinated with Greener Foundations for first-year students. Greener Foundations is Evergreen’s in-person 2-quarter introductory student success course sequence, which provides first-year students with the skills and knowledge they need to thrive at Evergreen. Students expected to take Greener Foundations should use CRN 10163 to register for a 2-credit Greener Foundations course in addition to this 14-credit program.

First-year students who are not expected to take Greener Foundations or have been granted an exemption should use CRN 10042 to register for this program. Find more details about who isn’t expected to take Greener Foundations on the Greener Foundations website.

Fall Registration Numbers (“CRN”)

10163 - use this CRN for normal registration that includes Greener Foundations

10042 - use this CRN only if you have been exempted from Greener Foundations

<https://www.evergreen.edu/academics/greener-foundations>



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lecture	Workshop, Seminar	Lab sections A & B
9:30 - 1:00	9:30 - 12:30 2:00 - 4:00	(A) 9:30 - 12:00 (B) 1:00 - 3:30

Anticipated Credit Equivalencies:

- 7 - Introductory topics in Environmental Studies: S. Puget Sound
- 2 - Introduction to Graphic Design
- 5 - Writing: Creative Process and Foundational Skills