

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**State University of New York**

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**MASTER COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** SURI: Environmental I

**Course Abbreviation and Number:** BIO 1830

**Credit Hours:** 4

**Course Type:** Lecture/Lab

**Course Description:** Students will participate in environmental research that pertains to their area of interest and/or as requested by local environmental organizations. As part of this experience, students will read, interpret, and present published scientific research papers. Students will be responsible for experimental design, maintaining a laboratory journal, and acquiring the necessary laboratory and field research skills to complete their research and present their results. Students are divided into either Environmental I or Environmental II, depending on their level of experience, but are blended together in a single course. Environmental I students are expected to function as technicians. As such, they will learn how to function in a research setting, learn scientific record-keeping and how to design and perform a well controlled experiment reproducibly.

Prerequisite: BIO 1550 or BIO 1570.

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**General Education Requirements Met**

**SUNY**

Natural Sciences

**JCC**

Scientific Reasoning

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Demonstrate critical reasoning skills to analyze published scientific research papers with an emphasis on the materials and methods.
2. Demonstrate effective communication, organization, and technological skills to orally present scientific research.
3. Apply the scientific method, including hypothesis testing, in the design and implementation of a research project.
4. Demonstrate appropriate statistical and other analytical techniques to evaluate research data.
5. Properly use appropriate laboratory and field equipment
6. Produce clear and coherent writing to maintain a scientific journal with an emphasis on organized data collection.

*A pre-requisite for this course is approved for the SUNY General Education category listed. This course will reinforce the student learning outcomes for this category.*

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**Topics Covered:**

Colloquium:

- Research: Background Information
- Scientific Method and Statistics
- Sample Presentation
- Reading Scientific Papers
- Student Presentations
- Group Presentation on Student Research

Laboratory

- Designing Research Project(s)
  - Sampling Techniques
  - Equipment Use
  - Keeping a Scientific Journal
  - Research (laboratory & field)
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**Information for Students**

- Expectations of Students
  - Civility Statement (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/current-students/classroom-civility>)
  - Student Responsibility Statement (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/academics/student-responsibility>)
  - Academic Integrity (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/faculty-staff/academic-integrity>)

- Disability/Special Services
  - Any student who requires accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability should make their needs known to the Coordinator of Accessibility Services, 716.338.1251.
- Emergency Closing Procedures (<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/student-life/campus-safety/jcc-alert>)
- Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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- Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.

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**Effective Date:** Fall 2019