This is a cross-listed course. Only one official course outline exists for this course, listed under the original course name and number. Please refer to the official course outline for full course information.

CMNS 257

COURSE NAME/NUMBER: CMNS 257
FACULTY/DEPARTMENT: Communications
UFV CREDITS: 3
Environment: Science and Communications

COURSE DESCRIPTIVE TITLE:

This is a cross-listed course. Please refer to GEOG 257 for the official course outline.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

Environmental science and communications, while different fields, are both essential for addressing contemporary environmental problems. This course, team-taught by faculty in Geography and Communications, introduces the student to the methods of scientific inquiry, and the principles of effective communication in environmental science. Application of the scientific method to case studies of environmental issues will highlight challenges and possible solutions at local, regional, and national scales, while exploring the interface between science, politics, and popular perceptions. Specific consideration will be given to developing strategies for communicating with various audiences, including stakeholder groups, other scientists, policy makers, and the general public. A field trip outside of class time may be required. Please refer to the Department of Geography website for scheduling information.

Note: Students with GEOG 211 may not take GEOG 257/CMNS 257 for further credit.

PREREQUISITES:
One of: CMNS 125, CMNS 155, CMNS 175, ENGL 105; plus GEOG 103 or any first-year lab science course.

COREQUISITES:
PRE or COREQUISITES:

SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S):
(a) Replaces: 
(b) Cross-listed with: GEOG 257
(c) Cannot take: GEOG 211 or GEOG 257 for further credit.

WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only)
Yes ☐ No ☐

WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (upper-level requested by department)
Yes ☐ No ☐

TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE:
Yes ☒ No ☐

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