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Announcement to Environmental Sciences 3rd students (AY 2015)
Information about the Graduation Project

The graduation project is one of most important requirements in the ES senior division program. Technically, it is completed by taking two courses: Special Seminar in Interdisciplinary Sciences (4 credits) and Special Research Work in Interdisciplinary Sciences (6 credits). In practice, each student must belong to a professor's laboratory and engage in research activity under the supervision of the professor.

In the Special Seminar in Interdisciplinary Sciences, the student is expected to participate in laboratory meetings, workshops, etc. Accreditation for the seminar is determined at the end of the academic year and the grade is awarded based on evaluation by the supervisor. Special Research Work in Interdisciplinary Sciences involves engaging in research activity under the supervisor, submitting a graduation thesis, and delivering an oral presentation at the project presentation session. The grade and accreditation are determined based on the judgment of both the supervisor and the academic affairs committee upon the completion of the project.

Each graduation project can commence during the summer break before the student's fourth academic year starts. The exact starting date is determined by the supervisor.

Student assignment to laboratories is determined according to the following procedure.

- 1) The list attached to this announcement summarizes the possible professors and research topics available for the Graduation Project.
- 2) Each student decides on his or her preferred laboratories. In addition to the aforementioned list, a laboratory review session will be held early in June and laboratory visits are arranged during the weeks that follow.
- 3) Students are requested to submit a form indicating their first to third choices of supervisor early in July.
- 4) Considering each student's preferences, the academic affairs committee decides on the laboratory assignments. As a general rule, each laboratory can accept only one student. If two or more students wish to work in the same laboratory, the academic affairs committee determines the matching.
- 5) The decision is announced to students before summer break.

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