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**Syllabus: Independent Study - Industrial Decarbonization (ENVS-490)**

**Course Information**

Industrial Decarbonization Independent Study

ENVS-490-003

Credits: 3

Summer 2021

Asynchronous

**Instructor Information**

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**Course Overview**

The industrial sector is a primary driver of growing GHG emissions, they are some of the most difficult emissions to address, and mitigating them is critical to achieving a global zero-carbon energy system. This independent study will focus on deep decarbonization pathways for the emissions-intensive industrial processes of concrete, steel, and industrial-chemicals (plastics, fertilizers, etc.). The objective of the project will be to outline a specific research question, in the context of industrial decarbonization, that has yet to be addressed by the scientific community and to create a project report or deliverable that summarizes the research.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

* Identify the life-cycle GHG emission sources of the most energy and emissions intensive industrial process.
* Evaluate strategies and technologies that can accelerate industrial decarbonization.
* Understand the impact technological, economic, social, and political factors have on industrial decarbonization.
* Identify potential decarbonization pathways for the industrial sector.
* Explore a specific issue or topic relevant to industrial decarbonization.

**Grading and Assessment**

*Grading Scale*

Final Percent Grade

93%-100% A

90%-92% A-

87%-89% B+

83%-86% B

80%-82% B-

77%-79% C+

73%-76% C

70%-72% C-

60%-69% D

Under 60% F

*Final Grade Calculation*

Project Proposal 10%

Project First Draft 15%

Preliminary Project 20%

Final Project 25%

Weekly Research Journals (5% each) 30%

100% Total

**Course Outline**

| **Days** | **Deliverable/Topic** |
| --- | --- |
| 6/30 | Project Proposal/Deliverables |
| 7/02 (12:00 pm) | Weekly Research Journal #1 |
| 7/09 (12:00 pm) | Weekly Research Journal #2 |
| 7/16 (12:00 pm) | Weekly Research Journal #3 |
| 7/23 (12:00 pm) | Weekly Research Journal #4 |
| 7/28 | Project First Draft |
| 7/30 (12:00 pm) | Weekly Research Journal #5 |
| 8/04 | Preliminary Project Deliverable |
| 8/06 | Weekly Research Journal #6 |
| 8/11 | Final Project Deliverable |
| 8/14 | End of Term Grades Due |

**Final Project Deliverable**

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