ES/ENV 621 – Independent Study: Tiny House Project – Fall 2017

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Office Hours
M, F 12:50 – 1:50 pm
T 9:20 – 10:20 am
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Group Meeting Time: F 2:00 PM

Text/Resources
A wide variety of primary, secondary, and web-based resources related to sustainability, tiny living, green building materials/design, and other relevant topics.

Course Description
Course will emphasize synthesis of knowledge and skills from a wide variety of liberal arts coursework, including the sciences, business and humanities. The focus of this independent study is the completion of the building aspect of the Tiny House Project at Westminster College.

Objectives
Students will participate in all aspects of the Tiny House Project planning, including:
• Research into the design and features of the TH
• Document necessary requirements for zoning/code issues related to the TH
• Plan for off-grid implementation of TH and how to monitor energy/water usage
• Source sustainable and/or green building materials
• Operate plan within a budget
• Assist with fundraising efforts of TH project
• Market/publicize TH project through social media
• Plan all logistics associated with community build of TH
• Collaborate with faculty, staff, alumni, and community members on various aspects of the TH project

Course Policies
• Students are responsible for completing the tasks that their advisor sets for them in a timely matter.
• Students are required to set aside three hours a week for each semester hour of credit, outside of meetings, towards their independent study. This can be in the form of research, planning, hands-on work, or other agreed upon tasks.

Academic Integrity
The College's Academic Integrity Policy (AIP) will be strongly enforced. Violations of the AIP include cheating, misconduct, plagiarism, and providing false information. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. The first citation for academic dishonesty will result in a zero grade for the specific assignment. The second citation will result in a failing grade for the course. All citations for academic dishonesty will be reported to the Dean of the College, in accordance with college policy. Details of the AIP can be found in the Westminster College Undergraduate Catalog.

Grading System

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