

Freshman Seminar writing assignment

Choose one of the following options:

Option 1) Throughout the semester, I will be announcing several science related talks/discussions on and off campus. Write a short (approximately one page double-spaced) paper summarizing the key points from the talk, as well as what you knew about the subject before attending the talk, and what you learned.

Be sure to clearly state the title and date of the talk as well as the speaker's name and affiliation. You're welcome to attend a talk that isn't put on our website, but it should be science themed, or at least tangentially relate to a physical or biological science.

Option 2) Take a photograph of something closely related to atmospheric or environmental science. Then, write a short (approximately one page double-spaced) paper describing what it is you took a picture of, and what its importance is in atmospheric or environmental science. Some examples are below:

Photo of cumulus clouds: How are they formed? Under what conditions do they form? What type of weather do they portend?

Photo of a rushing stream: What watershed is this stream a part of? Is it part of a polluted watershed?

Photo of a rainbow: Under what conditions did you see this rainbow, and how do rainbows form?

Photo of overflowing recycling bins: What is the recycling program on campus? When did recycling programs begin? What percentage of the world/country participates in recycling programs?

Be sure to email me the photo by the due-date!

Note: Please be sure to appropriately cite any outside sources. Use the UAlbany Citation Fox for guidelines on how to accurately cite sources:

<http://library.albany.edu/cfox>