

# ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY SEMINARS ON SCIENCE

## REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE CREDIT

In order to obtain graduate credit from Adams State University (ASU) for the Seminars on Science (SoS) courses taken through the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH), you must:

1. Register for a Seminars on Science course at <http://learn.amnh.org/register.html>. (This provides course access but not graduate credit.)
2. **Register separately for ASU graduate credit at <http://exstudies.adams.edu/amnh/>**
3. Successfully complete the Seminars on Science course work (majority of assessment levels must be average, satisfactory, or exemplary).
4. Complete the ASU synthesis paper assignment (instructions on page 2).
5. Complete the ASU student evaluation form (see page 3).
6. **Within 90 days of course completion**, mail, fax, or email the following items:
  - a. A copy of your Seminars on Science project.
  - b. A copy of your Seminars on Science guide evaluation/verification of course completion.
  - c. Your ASU synthesis paper (instructions on page 2).
  - d. Your ASU student evaluation form (see page 3).

**Submit to: ASU Extended Studies**  
**208 Edgemont Blvd., Suite 3000**  
**Alamosa CO 81101**  
**Fax: 719.587.7974**  
**Email: [amnh@adams.edu](mailto:amnh@adams.edu)**

Please note the following:

- Tuition is \$270 for 3 semester-hour graduate credits (\$90 per credit).
- Courses have a prefix of "SCED 559" on transcripts.
- Letter grades are assigned when credit is awarded.
- The registration deadline for ASU graduate credit for the Seminars on Science courses is 5:00 p.m. (MST) on Friday of the sixth week of the Seminars on Science course session.
- Any withdrawal requests for ASU graduate credits must be submitted to ASU Extended Studies in writing. Withdrawal requests may be faxed, mailed, or e-mailed. Refunds of 80% (of ASU tuition only) will be processed for withdrawals requested within the first seven days following the Seminars on Science course *start* date. Refunds cannot be issued beyond the first seven days after the course start date.
- ASU will automatically send you an official transcript after your grade has been posted.
- It may take up to 30 days from the time you complete all course requirements to the time your grade is posted and a transcript is available.

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**SYNTHESIS PAPER INSTRUCTIONS**

For ASU graduate credit, you must submit a final paper designed to allow you to synthesize the primary course outcomes and consider the applications of what was learned.

The synthesis paper must be three to five pages, double-spaced and must meet the following criteria:

- Clearly select and describe the most important outcomes (e.g. content, teaching method, etc.) of the course. (25% of synthesis paper grade)
- Explain why these outcomes were the most important. (25% of synthesis paper grade)
- Propose a detailed plan for how you will apply the information or skills learned in your professional life. (25% of synthesis paper grade)
- Assess the adaptations necessary for using the information or skills learned in your position, location and/or with the level of students with whom you work. (25% of synthesis paper grade)

Each component listed above for the synthesis paper will be graded with the following assessment:

COMPONENT	ASSESSMENT LEVELS			
	Unsatisfactory	Average	Satisfactory	Exemplary
<b>Select/describe outcomes</b>	▪ no outcomes listed	▪ outcomes not clearly listed	▪ outcomes listed, but not described in detail	▪ outcomes clearly and specifically described in detail
<b>Explain why these are the most important outcomes</b>	▪ reasons omitted	▪ reasons vague	▪ reasons briefly stated ▪ reasons not linked to professional goals/objectives	▪ reasons stated in detail ▪ reasons clearly linked to professional goals/outcomes
<b>Provide a plan for application</b>	▪ no application	▪ minimal application given	▪ clear application plan provided, but with minimal detail	▪ detailed application plan provided ▪ application plan linked to professional goals/outcomes
<b>Assess necessary adaptations</b>	▪ no adaptations	▪ few or limited adaptations given	▪ adaptations listed	▪ detailed adaptations given ▪ adaptations specifically linked to professional goals/outcomes

**QUESTIONS?**

Please do not hesitate to contact ASU Extended Studies at [amnh@adams.edu](mailto:amnh@adams.edu) or by calling 1.800.548.6679 with any questions concerning the requirements for graduate credit for the Seminars on Science courses.

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# Student Evaluation Form

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As a way to let potential students know about student outcomes associated with these courses, we would like to be able to share your response with others. Please complete the following and return this sheet with your synthesis paper, SoS project, and SoS guide evaluation to Adams State University Extended Studies.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Course Session: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No I agree to let the American Museum of Natural History and Adams State University use my paper as an example of graduate work produced as a result of the course I have completed.

Please circle the number that corresponds with your level of agreement about each of the evaluation items in the table below.

EVALUATION ITEM	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. This course met my professional needs.	5	4	3	2	1
2. The instructor(s) were knowledgeable in the topic area.	5	4	3	2	1
3. The SoS course was easy to access.	5	4	3	2	1
4. ASU was easy to access.	5	4	3	2	1

Comments:

**Thank you for evaluating the Adams State University graduate credit program!**