TEACHING THE IMPORTANCE OF WRITING TO SCIENCE MAJORS IN A WETLANDS & WATER QUALITY COURSE

ABSTRACT

Writing can be an afterthought in many science classes, but is as important to student success as their basic scientific knowledge. No matter the path our students choose or their level of scientific competency, they will have a difficult time securing, maintaining and excel in any position if they cannot clearly and succinctly write.

OBJECTIVES

1) Demonstrate the necessity of writing

2) Introduce different writing styles

3) Equip students with writing tools

DEMONSTRATE THE NECESSITY OF WRITING

- Discuss the role of writing in various career paths
- Provide realistic examples
- Introduce my personal experiences

INTRODUCE DIFFERENT WRITING STYLES

- Essay or persuasive
- Research manuscript (graduate students only)
- General audience

EQUIP STUDENTS WITH WRITING TOOLS

- How to approach writing
- Setting limits/restraints
- Editing, re-editing and re-writing and re-re-editing

I HAVE MADE THIS LONGER THAN USUAL BECAUSE I HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO MAKE IT SHORTER – Blaise Pascal (1657)