

Schedule – Fall 2020 as of Dec. 4, 2020

The schedule is subject to change

*Story idea due. #story due

Sept. 3	Introduction to course
Sept. 8	Finding story ideas and moving from idea to story
Sept. 10*	Effective environmental storytelling. Idea #1 due.
Sept. 15	Eric Tans, MSU Libraries: environmental resources.
Sept. 17	Reporting on environment & culture. Covering conferences
Sept. 22	Kurt Williams, College of Veterinary Medicine. Interviewing scientists
Sept. 24#	Joe Comartin, Canadian Consul General in Detroit, and Jessica Lienhardt, Consulate General's environmental expert: major transborder environmental issues. Story #1 due.
Sept. 29	Society of Environmental Journalists virtual conference assignment. No formal class.
Oct. 1*	Science interview: Qiong Zhang, MSU Geography, Environment & Spatial Sciences. Reporting on scholarly studies I. Idea #2 due.
Oct. 6	Reporting on scholarly studies II
Oct. 8	Tom Springer, writer & journalist: writing the nature essay.
Oct. 13	Chris Arsenault, Canadian Broadcasting System: environmental journalism north of the border.
Oct. 15#	Cassidy Hough & Taylor Haelterman, MSU Journalism School: Environmental podcasting I. Story #2 due.
Oct. 20*	Cassidy Hough & Taylor Haelterman, MSU Journalism School: Environmental podcasting II. Idea #3 due
Oct. 22	Susan Chiblow, MSU American Indian Studies, Native Americans/First Nations & natural resources. Individual virtual meetings with instructor. Team project ideas due
Oct. 27	Stephen Henderson, Detroit journalist: covering urban environmental problems
Oct. 29	Margie Bauman, Alaskan journalist: U.S.-Canadian mining, fishing & logging issues from an Alaskan perspective
Nov. 3#	Bruno Takahashi, MSU Journalism School: using databases in environmental reporting. Story #3 due
Nov. 5*	Elections and the environment. Idea #4 due.
Nov. 10	Dave Poulson, MSU Journalism School: using visualization technologies
Nov. 12	Litigating the environment.
Nov. 17*	Charlie Wooley, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Idea #5 due
Nov. 19#	Work session. Story #4 due.
Nov. 24	Perils of environmental journalism. 1 st draft of team project due due
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving. No class
Nov. 29	Environmental journalism advocacy & ethics.
Dec. 1#	Denice Swanke, Superintendent, Isle Royale National Park. Story #5 due.
Dec. 3	Apoorva Joshi, MSU Journalism School, illegal wildlife trafficking; Course critique due. Final version of team project due
Dec. 8	Individual virtual meetings with instructor

Dec. 10 Present team projects
Dec. 11 Absolute deadline for rewrites & late assignments