

**WS M 696A**  
**PERSONAL VISION, LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS**  
**FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTISTS**

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11:00 -11:50 Tuesdays, Biosciences East 311  
1 credit

Course Text:  
The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, by Steven R. Covey

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As a graduate student in some area of environmental science, much of your graduate education will focus on developing expertise in your particular area of interest, as well as developing enough knowledge to bridge to other related areas of environmental science. But your ability to be effective and make major contributions over the course of your career will also depend greatly on your personal vision of where you are headed and the leaderships and communication skills needed to get there. These skills are as important as any technical expertise you may be acquiring but few classes specifically focus on developing them. In this course, we will discuss concepts presented in *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, skills associated with effective professional communication, and highlight examples of environmental scientists that seem to be very effective.

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**Course Objectives**

- Develop a working knowledge and personal application of leadership skills covered in "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People".
- Develop improved speaking skills.
- Develop a specific personal plan for growth through development of a future curriculum vitae.
- Develop an improved understanding of what effective environmental scientists are doing that enables them to be effective.