

Course Title: Breaking the Disaster Cycle: Future Directions in Natural Hazard Mitigation

Session Title: Student Term Paper Reports

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Time: 150 minutes + 15 minute break

Objectives:

- 16.1 Provide an opportunity for students to carry out independent analyses of selected topics on natural hazard mitigation
 - 16.2 Present and discuss in-class reports on term paper findings
 - 16.3 Give students feedback on their term papers
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Scope:

Individual students prepare term papers on a hazard mitigation topic of their choice, following approval by the instructor of your topic and study approach. The paper should be designed to qualify as a submittal to a peer-reviewed journal, following journal standards for length, references, logical consistency, originality, and quality. Students present the major conclusions and findings of their term papers to the class, and answer class questions concerning their papers.

Remarks:

The instructor organizes the class session so as to allow time for each student to present their term papers, and for the class to comment and raise questions. If time permits (depending upon the number of students and teams), the instructor may choose to raise questions as well and to involve the entire class in a discussion of the issues.

Following the class, the instructor grades the papers and returns comments to the students, reinforcing the substance and issues covered in the previous seminar discussions.