## Texas A&M University-San Antonio Water Resources Science and Technology

## WATR 4350 Advanced Topics in Water Resources/ WATR 5214 Nexus Water Energy and Food

(3 credit hours) Spring 2025, R 4:00 – 6:00 pm Zoom link to classes: https://tamusa.zoom.us/j/89498613254

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**Course Description:** In this course, we will cover peer-reviewed papers and books. Each student must have one presentation in each class. The papers and book chapters will be uploaded in the <u>SharePoint</u>. The papers and books are about water resources management and nexus of water energy and food. The outcome of this course will be multiple practice for public speaking and presentations. We will learn from several papers and technical books at the end of this semester.

**Course Grading:** The course grades are broken down as follows: Each presentation will be graded by instructor (total 6 points). Students must turn in the quiz before the end of the class. Therefore, each class has 10 points and attendance is mandatory. Two classes will be considered as extra points. No exam is provisioned for this course. Grades will be based on the percentage of points earned from the total (90% = A, 80% = B, 70% = C, 60% = D). In principle, grade curving will not be used in this course.

The 10 points of each class:

- > 6 Points -- Instructor grades your presentation. The items that will be considered for evaluation are:
  - The presenter delivered the material in a clear and structured manner.
  - The presenter was knowledgeable about the topic and any related issues.
  - The presenter maintained my interest during the entire presentation.
  - The presenter answered questions effectively.
  - The presenter was enthusiastic about the topic.
  - The presenter was well organized and prepared.
  - The presentation was concise and informative.
  - The presentation contained examples and useful techniques.
  - The visual aids were effective.
- 3 Points -- Students must submit a 1-page summary of the class by midnight of the class (Every Thursday night of that class). Any submission after beginning the next day won't be accepted.
- I Point -- Students must send their presentations before beginning the class to the instructor via email. Any submission after beginning the class won't be accepted.