

PRINCIPLES OF COMMUNITY FORESTRY

Fall 2024

FOR 200 Sec. 71; Stars # 84185

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Last day to add course during open registration: 08/23/2024

Last day to add by permission or delete course: 08/30/2024

Last day to drop course: 10/27/2024

3 Semester Hours

Prerequisite: none

CLASS MEETING TIMES:

Lecture: MW 9-9:50am KH 201
Lab: Th 1-2:50pm KH 201

Course Modality: Face to Face

TEXTBOOK (none required):

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Introduction to science-based principles and skills used by community forestry industry, including: benefits of trees and forests, tree anatomy and biology, forest ecology, community forestry, agroforestry, tree ID, chainsaw safety, tree climbing, pruning, forestry measurement methods, and invasive species management. Topics covered will prepare students for some aspects of the ISA Certified Arborist Exam.

LECTURE/LAB TOPICS: Importance of forests; Careers in Forestry; Forest Composition and Distribution in North America and Illinois; Forest Ecology; Agroforestry; Pruning; Forest Protection; Controlling invasive plants; Fire management; Harvesting systems; Forest products; Tree Identification; Tree Anatomy & Physiology; Tree measurement; Tree Climbing Demonstration, Maple Syrup Operation, Chestnut Orchard. Urban and Community Forestry.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION:

Exam 1	100	16.7%
Exam 2	100	16.7%
Work sheets, Lab exercises	100	16.7%
Quizzes	100	16.7%
Final Exam (Wed. Dec. 11th, 8:00 - 9:50 am, KH 201)	100	16.7%
Attendance	100	16.7%

GRADING SCALE:

<60	60	63	67	70	73	77	80	83	87	90	93-100
F	D-	D	D+	C-	C	C+	B-	B	B+	A-	A

ATTENDANCE:

You are expected to attend class and participate in discussions/activities. Attendance is part of your grade in the course.

- Excused absences will not be counted against the student's attendance credit. Excused absences include class trips and student competitions. Excused absences must be arranged ahead of time and be documented (activity, date, time, and list of participating students) by a faculty member who is requesting/requiring the absence.
- Perfect attendance will earn you a bonus 10pts (Attendance max. pts = 100 + 10).
- Understanding that illness and other situations may make perfect attendance difficult; you will be allowed to miss three classes (lectures and/or labs - equivalent of 1 week) without losing attendance points.
- 4th class missed and all missed classes after will result in the loss of attendance points. The penalty increases as the number of missed classes increases.
- If you leave lecture or lab before you are dismissed you will be counted as absent.
- If a student is going to miss a class, it is his/her responsibility to notify the appropriate faculty member in advance. **This must be done by utilizing the Online Absence Reporting System (OARS) at www.wiu.edu/oars** or by email, or text.
- It is the responsibility of the student to discuss the absence with the faculty member should the student desire to make up any academic work missed because of the absence.

Attendance on dates of quizzes or tests: Most quizzes and tests will be taken in class. If you have some conflict with the date and time of a scheduled quiz or exam, you must notify the instructor **before the quiz or exam** via OARS and **also email the instructor**. The instructor will determine if you will be allowed to reschedule.

Field Trips: This course usually involves a few local field trips (with-in a lab period) and some on campus tours, etc. It is my hope that we can still benefit from these opportunities. If we must cancel any of these, I will try to offer an alternative.

WIU Assignment and Cheating Policy:

See <http://www.wiu.edu/policies/acintegrity.php>

Comparing and/or consulting on quiz or exam answers; use of unauthorized notes or aids (phones, etc..) during quizzes and tests as well as other acts of "cheating" in class or in the field may result in failing grades; in extreme cases even course failure.

I encourage you to obtain help if you do not understand a topic or how to do an assignment. I am available at most any time to assist you. Please see my office hours for scheduling appointments. I do strongly suggest that you do your own work. That is, you must personally work through the topic(s) so that you can demonstrate, when required, that you have the required competency(ies).

CLASS TOBACCO/VAPING PRODUCT POLICY:

<http://www.wiu.edu/vpas/policies/smokefree.php>

In accordance with State law, there is no smoking/vaping in class or vehicles during field trips.

Chewing tobacco (and spitting chewing tobacco) in class is not permitted. Outdoor labs and field trip participation is considered as class – NO SMOKING or use of tobacco/vaping products is permitted.

CELL PHONE POLICY:

Cell phone use in class is not permitted unless specifically noted by instructor for a specific task. In order to participate in the WIU Emergency Alert System you should have your cell phones set to silent or vibrate.

http://www.wiu.edu/vpas/risk_management_and_emergency_preparedness/wiu_emergency_alert_system/index.php

Professional Cell Phone Conduct: PLEASE DO NOT answer phone calls or send text messages during class!

TITLE IX:

University values, Title IX, and other federal and state laws prohibit sex discrimination, including sexual assault/misconduct, dating/domestic violence, and stalking. If you, or someone you know, has been the victim of any of these offenses, we encourage you to report this to the Title IX Coordinator at 309-298-1977 or anonymously online at:

http://www.wiu.edu/equal_opportunity_and_access/report.php. If you disclose an incident to a faculty member, the faculty member must notify the Title IX Coordinator. The complete Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct policy is available at: <http://www.wiu.edu/policies/dhsm.php>.

MILITARY/VETERAN SUPPORT STATEMENT:

As a military-friendly institution, and in accordance with federal regulations and Illinois statutes, Western Illinois University has established policies and procedures to accommodate military service students. In addition to the supports available at WIU's Veterans Resource Center (wiu.edu/student_success/veterans / 309-298-3505), veterans, members of the National Guard or Reserves, and active-duty military personnel with military obligations (e.g., deployments, trainings, drill) are encouraged to communicate these, in advance whenever possible, to the instructor. The Military Service Policy can be found at <http://www.wiu.edu/policies/military.php>

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

In accordance with University values and disability law, students with disabilities may request academic accommodations where there are aspects of a course that result in barriers to inclusion or accurate assessment of achievement. To file an official request for disability-related accommodations, please contact Disability Resources in the Student Development and Success Center at 309-298-1884, disability@wiu.edu, or in 125 Memorial Hall. Please notify the instructor as soon as possible to ensure that this course is accessible to you in a timely manner.

ATTENTION EDUCATION MAJORS:

The changes within the Illinois State Teaching License requirements, students are required to receive a grade of a "C-" or better in this course in order to meet state requirements. With the university's +/- grading system, receiving a grade below a "C-" will require you to retake this course or find a substitute course to meet School of Agriculture graduation requirements.

NOTICES

Please be advised that **this syllabus is tentative**. We may or may not be able to address all of the content areas or stick with the anticipated number of field trips or exams. **Any deviations from the syllabus will be announced as soon as possible.**

Official University Policy Manual: <http://www.wiu.edu/policies/>

For information on all WIU policies for students contact the above website