

INTRODUCTION TO FORESTRY
Spring 2023
FOR 200 Sec. 71; Stars # 74270

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3 Semester Hours

Class Meeting Times:

Lecture: MW 9-9:50am KH 201
Lab: Th 10-11:50 KH 201

Prerequisite: none

Course Modality: Face to Face

Last day to add course during open registration: 01/23/2023 **Last day to add by permission or delete course:** 01/30/2023 **Last day to drop course with "W" grade:** 04/02/2023

Textbook (not required): Introduction to Forests and Renewable Resources, 8th Ed. Hendee, Dawson and Sharpe, Waveland Press, Inc.

Course Description: Students will be given an introductory view of forestry concepts to understand the importance of trees and forests to society and the environment. Commercial, environmental, recreational, and aesthetic values will be considered. Students will be exposed to a variety of forestry topics and gain some knowledge of issues and practices in forest management. Students will be introduced to forestry related equipment, tree identification, timber management principles, and tree and timber valuation. Topics covered will prepare students for some aspects of the ISA Certified Arborist Exam.

Lecture/Lab Topics: Importance of forests; Careers in Forestry; Historical perspectives of forestry in North America; Forest Composition and Distribution in North America and Illinois; Forest Ecology; Silviculture; 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	20%
Exam 2	100	20%
Work sheets, Lab exercises	100	20%
Quizzes	100	20%
Final Exam (Wed. May 10th, 8:00 - 9:50 am, KH 201)	100	20%

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:

Attendance is important in this and any course. 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. Also send an email to the instructor. 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 on paper. 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 physically work through the problem(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!

STUDENT SUPPORT OR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS

Students who require special accommodations or are just struggling in college should contact The Student Development and Success Center (SDSC). The SDSC is a Student Services department with three functional areas including Disability Resources, Health Education, and Student Development. There are several ways to contact the SDSC: 309.298.1884; Email: sdsc@wiu.edu; Web page: http://www.wiu.edu/student_services/sdsc/index.php; or visit them in 125 Memorial Hall. **If you require special accommodations, 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