

NR 30 - FOREST RECREATION COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course will provide an introduction to forest recreational methods including planning, construction, and maintenance of trails; layout of campgrounds, picnic areas, water-oriented recreation areas, winter sports areas; concepts of wilderness management, the administration of recreation areas, and special use contracts.

PREREQUISITE

NR 6 - Dendrology

TEXTBOOK

Forest Recreation by Douglas, W.R. 1993 4th Ed. 373 pages

CLASSROOM CONDUCT

This document is a contract between you, the student, and me, the instructor. It covers the criteria of each of us will conduct himself/herself and how each of the parties is expected to perform during this course. You should read this syllabus very carefully, and if you don't understand something, please talk to me about it early in the course. From this point forward you will be treated as adults and professionals as long as each of you conducts yourself that way. This includes, but not limited to, being in class on time, conducting yourself as a professional in labs, on field trips, and with guest speakers. Any person who disrupts a class, lab, field trip, or speaker, etc. will be dropped from the course for repeated offenses. That kind of behavior in the "real world" would result in your being fired.

ATTENDANCE & GRADING POLICY

If you miss a class session, you are responsible for obtaining any notes, handouts, etc. from classmates. The success of this or any other course depends on the presence and active participation of each student. There is little or no opportunity to make up missed work in an intensive, 9-week program. Therefore, you are expected to attend every class session. Your attendance record will be considered as part of your final grade.

The class will meet **PROMPTLY** at 1000 each Tuesday and Thursday, unless otherwise specified by the instructor. Regular lecture meetings will run a continuous 1 hour and 40 minutes without a break. This gives the student 20 minutes between the next two hour block of courses.

Attendance points for each class will be awarded. Excused absences are awarded attendance points also. Only the following are considered "excused" absences: illness, medical and dental appointments, death or serious illness/injury in the immediate family, and court appearances (on a case-by-case basis). Each of the above will be considered by the instructor as to whether or not it qualifies as an excused absence.

For any absence due to the above, students must contact the instructor at 638-3641, extension 3275 or 3310. After two consecutive weeks of absence, the student will be

drop date

dropped. Reinstatement at that point is by formal petition only. Students will be dropped after any six (6) absences for non-attendance. Reinstatement can occur only if extenuating circumstances can be documented. Also, two tardies constitutes one absence. **The responsibility to drop the course lies with the student.**

Generally, the class is graded on a sliding curve. There will be no make-up exams, except under very unusual circumstances, and then only with prior approval from the instructor. Being late to class will have an automatic 5 point deduction in attendance points, plus loss of quiz score. No class papers or technical reports will be accepted late, except under unusual circumstances, and then only with prior arrangement with the instructor*. Remember, nine weeks passes very quickly, so we must start out in high gear and keep running hard to accomplish all of the assigned material. If we all work together, we will have a great experience and learn a lot about forest recreation.

*There is a one week grace period in which to take the exam with a 10% reduction in score; otherwise, no credit will be given after that time. In general, a passing grade of 70% is a "C". However, in order to pass the course with a "D" grade, a student must maintain an overall average of 55%. Grading is based on a sliding curve using the high total points awarded. In other words, if the highest total points received by any student is 855, the bottom of the "A" would be about 770, etc.

EXAMS & QUIZZES

There will be one midterm* and a final exam; however, there will be frequent unannounced quizzes of 15-25 points each on materials already covered in class. There are no make-ups for late or missed quizzes. Therefore, get to class on time.

BREAKDOWN OF ALLOWABLE POINTS

<u>Subject/Item</u>	<u>Approx. Points</u>
Midterm	200±
Final Exam	200±
Quizzes (15-25 points/each)	105±
Lab Projects I, II, III	225
Attendance Points (5 each session)	<u>105</u>
Total Points	880±

COLLEGE POLICIES

Campus code requires shoes (sandals accepted) and a shirt be worn at all times. Eating, drinking, or smoking (including use of smokeless tobacco products) is **NOT ALLOWED** in the classroom or during class activities. No children and/or pets will be allowed to "sit in" during classes and no animals are allowed in buildings.

Also, no student may carry a knife of any kind with a blade which exceeds 3" in length. For field activities only in the forestry program, you may carry a folding or sheathed knife.

A students must complete the entire course (including the final exam) in order to receive a passing grade.

If a student is caught cheating or plagiarizing another's work, he/she will be dropped from the course with a subsequent grade of "F".

No skateboards or roller blades, etc. are allowed in class or on campus. No bicycles will be allowed to be parked inside the forestry building at any time.

INSTRUCTOR'S POLICIES

There will be no talking to associate students during class time. Repeated violations of this policy will result in dismissal from class at the discretion of the instructor for the student's return.

No "horseplay" will be tolerated at any time.

Male students will remove hats while in the classroom.

No foul language will be tolerated at any time.

Anything you bring with you to class will be taken when you leave. If you have refuse to dispose of, there is a trash receptacle provided in the room for your use.

Misuse of equipment and/or supplies will be paid for by the student(s) responsible. This does not mean that equipment will not get damaged or broken through normal use, but once a student is trained properly in the use of the equipment, misuse will not be tolerated.

OFFICE HOURS

My office hours are as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 1100-1200

Other times can be arranged by appointment.

Office location: FEM 3

Office telephone number: (209) 638-3641, extension 3275.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lecture Topics</u>	<u>Lab</u>	<u>Reading Assignment</u>
Oct. 19	Introduction, Demand	Picnic Table Design	1,2,3
Oct. 21	History of Recreation in U.S.	Picnic Areas	4,5,6
Oct. 26	Campgrounds	Campground Design	7,8
Oct. 28-30	Sequoia Lake - NR 9 & 15 - All to attend		
Nov. 2	Campgrounds Specifications	Field Trip (local)	9
Nov. 4	Water Supplies	USFS Guest Speaker	
Nov. 9	<u>Midterm</u>	Field Trip (SKCNP - depart 11:00)	12
Nov. 11	<u>No Class</u> - Veterans' Day		
Nov. 15	Trail Concepts	Field Trip (School Forest)	10
Nov. 18	Trail Design Specifications	Trail Design	3
Nov. 23	Off Highway Use (vehicles)	Guest Speaker	
Nov. 25	<u>No Class</u> - Thanksgiving Holiday		
Nov. 30	Wilderness	Trail Layout (college campus)	
Dec. 2	Water Oriented Recreation	Millerton Lake Field Trip (1000-1700)	
Dec. 7	Contracts for Recreation		16
Dec. 9	Law Enforcement	ACE Guest Speaker	
Dec. 14	<u>Final Exam</u> 1030-1230		