NR14 – PRINCIPLES OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Course Syllabus for Spring 2015 – Section #55483

Lecture: Tues 0900 - 1050 (FEM 8)

Lab: Thurs 1300- 1550 (FEM 8)

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**Books**:

 Required – National Audubon Society Birds: Western Region (Rev. Ed.)

 National Audubon Society Guide to North American Mammals

Recommended -Wildlife Ecology and Management, Bolen and Robinson, most recent

 edition.

**Course Objectives**:

To introduce students to local and regional wildlife species and to develop expertise in wildlife identification, taking field notes, and exposure to common field techniques used by wildlife managers. Students will also be exposed to habitat management, population estimation, and wildlife conservation issues.

 **Attendance and Grading Policy:**

If you miss a lecture or lab, you are responsible for obtaining notes from a classmate. The success of any class depends on the presence and active participation of each student; therefore, you are expected to attend every class. **If you miss class >3 times during the semester you may be dropped from the course**. Individual exam grades may be curved and final grades will be assigned based on a straight percentage system according to the following scale:

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| **Course Grade** **Cumulative Percent** A 90-100 B 80-89 C 70-79 D 60-69 F < 59 | Breakdown of Grades PointsMidterm Exams X 2 20%Final Exam 25%Lab Exam X 2 20%Species Report & Presentation 15%Participation 10%Quizzes 10% **Total 100%**  |

**Always come prepared to go outside during lab. My definition of “Being Prepared” means to wear hiking boots or work boots, wear long pants, and to bring other items such as water, bug repellent, rain gear (even if there is a slight chance of rain), and plenty of warm cloths.**

We will be spending many of our labs out on the school farm or in other places around campus. We will also be taking a few trips to the Thorburn property located on the Kings River. Field Trip waivers will be required for all students prior to each field trip.

***LAST DAY TO DROP IS Friday 13th March, 2014***

**Research Paper and Presentation**:

Students will choose a wildlife species that they must research and report on. A well-researched, typed report is due on the day of your presentation (see assignment handout for details). You must include basic natural history (taxonomy, description, habitat requirements, breeding biology, etc.). Be certain to include a section on how man has affected the species (i.e habitat loss through development, over harvesting). You will also prepare a 10 minute PowerPoint presentation on your species (see assignment handout for details).

**Due Dates**:

1. Subject must be assigned/selected by **Monday, January 26** (***5 points***)
2. A list of references must be turned in by **Monday, February 23** (***15 pts***)
3. A rough draft of the presentation must be turned in **Monday, March 23** (***30 pts***)

Your presentation will be given on assigned dates and times to be set by mid semester(***100 pts***). Presentations must be given on the established due date.

**Campus Policy on Plagiarism**:

Plagiarism is a specific form of cheating: the use of another’s words or ideas without identifying them as such or giving credit to the source. Plagiarism may include, but is not limited to, failing to provide complete citations and references for all work that draws on the ideas, words, or work of others, failing to identify contributors to work done in collaboration, submitting duplicated work to be evaluated in different courses without the knowledge and consent of the instructors involved, or failing to observe computer security systems and software copyrights.

Incidents of cheating and plagiarism may result in any of a variety of sanctions and penalties, which may range from a failing grade on the particular examination, paper, project, or assignment in question to a failing grade in the course, at the discretion of the instructor and depending on the severity and frequency of the incidents. For more information, contact the Vice President of Student Services’ Office or the Vice President of Instruction’s Office.

**Accommodation Needs:**

If you have a need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate media (i.e., Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities Act(ADA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact me as soon as possible.

Tentative Schedule:

