NR32 – Museum Taxidermy

Course Syllabus for Spring 2015 – Section #55737

Thursday 6-8:50pm (FEM 8)

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**Supplies: (students must purchase)**

Dissecting kit

Forms for aesthetic mounts

**Course Objectives**:

To introduce students to the basic techniques for the preservation and display of wildlife skins. Students will learn to properly prepare both mammal and bird skins for display in a museum collection.

**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 Percentage  Mammal round skin 33%  Bird round skin 33%  Aesthetic mount-bird or mammal 33%  **Total 100%** |

**Always come prepared for class. My definition of “Being Prepared” means to bring your equipment with you. Wear clothes that you will not be afraid to get dirty as taxidermy can be a messy job. Frozen specimens take 5 – 6 hours to defrost when whole (depending on size) and 2 – 3 hours to defrost when just skins. Remove your specimens from the freezer on Thursday mornings so that they will be thoroughly defrosted when class starts. If you will not be on campus in the morning, make arrangements with me so that I can take your specimen out of the freezer for you.**

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***

**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:

