Museum Taxidermy

NR32A - Beginning Taxidermy – Section #51764

Course Syllabus for Spring 2019

Thursday 6-8:50pm (FEM 8)

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**Drop Deadlines:**

Friday, January 25th, Last day to drop and receive a full refund.

Sunday, February 3rd, Last day to drop and avoid a “W” on WebAdvisor.

**Friday, March 8th, Last day to drop. A letter grade will be assigned after this date.**

**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.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Employ appropriate safety procedures when preparing taxidermy specimens.
2. Properly preserve and prepare a life-like mount of a bird or mammal.
3. Properly preserve and prepare birds skins and mammal skins for study and display.

**Required Textbooks:**

None

**Required Supplies: (students must purchase)**

Dissecting kit

Replacement scalpel blades

Forms for life-like mounts

Eyes for life-like mounts

**Classroom Conduct:**

All students are expected to act in a mature manner that respects their fellow students, the instructor and any guest presenters. Please turn cellular phones and all other non-essential electric devices off during class time.

**Cheating and Plagiarism:**

Cheating and plagiarism are serious offenses and will not be tolerated. Students shall comply with Board Policy 5410; each student is expected to exert an entirely honest effort toward attaining an education. Violations of this policy will result in failing grade on an assignment and/or the entire course.

**Accommodation Statement:**

“If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate media (e.g.., Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact your instructor as soon as possible.” Arrangements must be made in advance (i.e. alternate test accommodations through DSPS).

**Reedley College Policies:**

To receive a grade for this course, students must complete all assigned work. It is your responsibility to stay informed on any changes to assignment due dates, readings, etc. Missing a class doesn’t excuse you from this responsibility (i.e. if a due date for an assignment changes, new assignments are given, etc.). This means you should ask a trustworthy classmate for notes if you are absent. Being absent is not an excuse for late work, late assignments, or just not knowing what is happening. Check CANVAS often!

**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 grades will be assigned based on the number of projects you complete according to the following scale:

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| **Required Projects****4 projects = A****3 projects = B****2 projects = C****1 projects = D****0 projects = F** |

**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 or more 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.**

Tentative Schedule:

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