Museum Taxidermy

NR32B – Intermediate Taxidermy - Section #51765

Course Syllabus for Spring 2019

Thursday 6-8:50pm (FEM 8)

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**Supplies: (students must purchase)**

Dissecting kit

Replacement scalpel blades

Forms for life-like mounts

Eyes for life-like mounts

**Course Objectives**:

To introduce students to intermediate level techniques for the preservation and display of wildlife skins. Students will learn to properly prepare life-like mounts of mammals and birds. Students will also learn to home-tan mammal skins.

**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**  **6\* life-like mounts = A**  **5 life-like mounts = B**  **4 life-like mounts = C**  **3 life-like mounts = D**  **2 or < life-like mounts = F**  **\*2 tanned hides = 1 project**  **If you start with a whole animal, 1 tanned hide = 1 project** |

**Always come prepared for class. My definition of “Being Prepared” means to bring your equipment with you. I do not have enough scalpels to supply everyone who forgets to bring their equipment. 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.**

***LAST DAY TO DROP IS Friday, March 9th, 2018***

**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:

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| **Week** | **Date** | **Class Schedule** |
| **1** | **1/11/18** | **Introduction** |
| **2** | **1/18/18** | **Project Work** |
| **3** | **1/25/18** | **Project Work** |
| **4** | **2/1/18** | **Project Work** |
| **5** | **2/8/18** | **Project Work** |
| **6** | **2/15/18** | **Project Work** |
| **7** | **2/22/18** | **Project Work** |
| **8** | **3/1/18** | **Project Work** |
| **9** | **3/8/18** | **Project Work** |
| **10** | **3/15/18** | **Project Work** |
| **11** | **3/22/18** | **Project Work** |
|  | **3/29/18** | **Spring Break – No Class** |
| **12** | **4/5/18** | **Project Work** |
| **13** | **412/18** | **Project Work** |
| **14** | **4/19/18** | **Project Work** |
| **15** | **4/26/18** | **NR 110 Field Trip** |
| **16** | **5/3/18** | **Project Work** |
| **17** | **5/10/18** | **Project Work** |
| **18** | **5/17/18** | **Project Work** |