**Reedley College – Agriculture and Natural Resources Department**

**Course Syllabus**

NR 25 – Forest & Resource Management

Spring 2020 - CR#51518 Room AGR 2

Lecture: Thursday 1:00pm – 1:50pm

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**Course Prerequisites:** none

**Holidays:** Spring Recess- 4/6-10/20

**Drop Deadlines: January 24th,** last day to drop to qualify for a refund.  **January 31st,** last day to drop to avoid “W”.  **March 13th,** after this date letter grade assigned.

**Final Exam: Thursday, May 21st 1:00pm – 2:50pm**

**Textbooks:**

Davis, L.S., N.K. Johnson, P.S. Bettinger, and T.E. Howard. 2005. Forest Management: To Sustain Ecological, Economic, and Social Values, 4th Edition. Waveland Press, Inc. Long Grove, IL (**optional**)

**Course Outcomes:**

1. Predict environmental changes based upon natural or applied management practices.
2. Evaluate environmental laws and regulations of natural resources.
3. Critique a forest management plan.

**Course Objectives:**

1. Discuss key issues faced by forest managers in the balance among economic, social, and political considerations.
2. Identify, in a team setting and as an individual, alternative solutions to management problems.
3. Demonstrate the ability to select viable alternatives which meet standard criteria for assigned tasks.
4. In teams or as an individual, report on forest management plans taking into account the costs, benefits, opportunities, and constraints of a specific management activity.

**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 electric devices **off** during class time.  **No** tobacco products or sunflower seeds in class or on field trips.

**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 (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.

**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.  If class happens to be canceled the dean’s office will post a cancellation notice on the classroom door or assign a substitute. For Reedley Campus classes, the dean’s office will post the canceled class to the Reedley College website.

**Participation and Grading Policy:**

Grading for this course is based on the sum of one exam, a comprehensive final, homework assignments /meeting reports, and unannounced quizzes.  Lecture material will be covered on midterm exams and quizzes.  No early or makeup exams or quizzes will be given, unless previously (one week) authorized by the instructor.  All late assignments will be deducted 10% and must be turned in within one week of due date to receive credit.  Individual participation will be considered when assigning your final grade. **If you miss class >6 times during the semester (without a valid reason) you may be dropped from the course**.  Final grades/Exams may be curved based on a percentile of the highest point total in the class.  Grades will be assigned based on a straight percentage system according to the following scale:

 Grades in this course will are based on a 10-point grading scale.

90-100% A

80-89%   B

70-79%   C

60-69%   D

   <59%   F

Final grades will be based on lab assignments, quizzes, and exams. The weight of each grading component is as follows.

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| **Item** | **Percentage and Points** |
| **Meeting Attendance/Reports** | 30%                      150 |
| **Quizzes** | 10%                      50 |
| **Written Assignments** | 20%                      100 |
| **Exams** | 20%                      100 |
| **Cumulative Final Exam** | 20%                      100 |
| **Total** | 100%                    500 |

**Meeting Attendance**

You will be required to attend at least 2 meetings which deal with natural resources issues.  Examples may include; city council meetings, federal public comment period, Society of American Foresters (SAF), and any other meeting deemed appropriate. The FFA natural resources competition or forestry competition can count as 1 meeting,  At these meetings you will be required to attain a signature ([**professional meeting signature form.doc**](https://scccd.instructure.com/courses/45302/files/6418450/download?wrap=1)) from an agency representative and write a meeting report summarizing the issue, major points covered, any decisions, the overall outcome, and your opinion.  These assignments must be completed by the last week of classes (May, 16th).

 Quizzes

Students will be given unannounced quizzes at random during lectures. Quizzes will cover material and terms presented in the lecture and are designed to test student comprehension.

 Tentative Class Schedule:  Note: exact order of topics may vary depending upon scheduling of field trips and availability of necessary resources.

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| **Week          Date** | **Lecture** |
| **1                  1/16** | Introduction &  Forest Management |
| **2                1/23** | Forest Management |
| **3               1/30** | Multiple Use-Wilderness Act, FLPMA, NFMA |
| **4                 2/6** | Multiple Use-Wilderness Act, FLPMA, NFMA |
| **5                 2/13** | National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) |
| **6                2/20** | **Exam 1** |
| **7                2/27** | NEPA Cont. |
| **8                3/5** | California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) |
| **9                3/12** | CEQA Cont. & Forestry Source Commentary |
| **10              3/19** | California Forest Practice Rules |
| **11             3/26** | California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) |
| **12             4/2** | **Exam 2** |
| **13              4/6-10** | **Spring Break** |
| **14            4/16** | **NR 116 @ Reedley College Farm Labratory** |
| **15            4/23** | **NR 110 @ Sequoia Lake** |
| **16            4/30** | CEQA-Local Project: Friant Ranch or CalFire Vegetation Management Plan |
| **17            5/7** | NEPA-Local Project: Eshom Ecological Restoration |
| **18           5/14** | Review |
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