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Careers in Natural Resources FOR/RECM/WBIO 180

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Objectives:

The purpose of this course is to introduce beginning students in natural resources to:

- 1. An overview of natural resources at multiple scales,
- 2. Major factors and philosophies influencing historic and current conditions and trends in natural resource conservation philosophy,
- 3. The major themes and concepts that integrate resource issues,
- 4. The variety of employment opportunities in natural resources and how to prepare for a professional career,
- 5. The educational and work requirements that make students competitive.

Textbooks:

Leopold, A. 1949. *A Sand County Almanac*. Oxford University Press. Fischer, H. 1995. *Wolf Wars*. Falcon Press.

Course Grades will be based on the following proportions:

| Midterm 1 | 0.30 |
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| Midterm 2 | 0.30 |
| Final Exam | 0.40 |

Exams: <u>No make-up exams</u> without medical or other major <u>verifiable</u> excuse. You <u>must</u> contact Diana Six <u>before</u> actual exam to see if make up exam will be allowed.

Pop quizzes for a total of five extra points will be given during the semester. Quiz points are valuable, and can best be assured by staying current with assigned readings and attending class!

| DATE | SCHEDULED TOPIC | SPEAKERS/READINGS |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 30 August | Course Introduction | Six and Pletscher - Ch. 1-5, Fischer |
| 1 September | Strategies for Academic and Employment Success | Six- Part III, Leopold |
| 6 September | Graduate School/Academic and Other Research Positions | Six |
| 8 September | American Resources & Conservation History - Pre-20th Century | Pletscher |
| 13 September | American Resources & Conservation History – Pre-20th Century | Pletscher |
| 15 September | American Resources & Conservation History – 20 th Century | Pletscher |
| 20 September | Conservation and Environmental Ethics | Pletscher |
| 22 September | Leopold's Land Ethic | Pletscher |
| 27 September | Federal and State Conservation Agencies and Review for Exam | Six and Pletscher |
| 29 September | FIRST MID-TERM EXAM | |
| 4 October | Disturbance Ecology | Six – Part I, Leopold |
| 6 October | Entomology and Pathology | Six – Ch. 6-10, Fischer |
| 11 October | Fire Ecology | Ron Wakimoto |
| 13 October | Hydrology/Water | Scott Woods |
| 18 October | Fisheries | Bruce Farling |
| 20 October | Soil Science | Tom DeLuca |
| 25 October | Silviculture | John Goodburn |
| 27 October | Review for exam | Six |
| 1 November | SECOND MID-TERM EXAM | |
| 3 November | Conservation Policy | Martin Nie Ch. 11-14, Fischer |
| 8 November | Wildlife Conservation | Kieth Lenard Leopold Part II |
| 10 November | International Conservation/Research | Chris Filardi |
| 15 November | Nature-based Tourism | Norma Nickerson |
| 17 November | Wildlife Management | Kristi Dubois |
| 22 November | Wilderness Conservation | Laurie Yung |
| 24 November | THANKSGIVING-HOLIDAY | |
| 29 November | Recreation Management | Bill Borrie |
| 1 December | Climate Change | Six |
| 6 December | Biological Invasions | Six |
| 8 December | Review for final | Six |
| December 12 | FINAL EXAM: 10:10-12:10 | Six |