

WILDLIFE SEMINAR

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PREREQUISITES: FRSC 2263 and FRSC 2261

COURSE

OBJECTIVES: Wildlife Seminar is intended to be a "Capstone" course in which advanced level students demonstrate their knowledge of wildlife resources, and their ability to gather, interpret, and present information on topics of concern or interest to resource managers. At the same time, students will be working to improve their oral communication skills.

PROCEDURE: Each student will prepare a report to be presented to the class. Reports should range from 15 (minimum) to 20 (maximum) minutes in length. The topic of the presentation should deal with current issues in wildlife research, management techniques, or policies in fields related to Wildlife Technology. The subject matter of the presentation must be reviewed with the instructor prior to development of the report. Topics must be approved by the instructor within the first 2 weeks of the semester.

You are required to use Microsoft Powerpoint when giving your presentation.

Students must use a **minimum** of TEN (10) refereed journal sources in researching their reports. An outline of your presentation (with notations citing reference sources), and a copy of the **first and last** pages of all citations must be submitted to the instructor **NO LATER** than **NOON, March 2nd**.

Audience members are expected to be attentive to the presentations, and to pose questions to the speaker regarding his or her presentation. *An examination will be conducted at the end of the semester over subject material presented by each speaker.*

NOTE: **Life histories of wildlife species may be employed as background to the presentation, but may not serve as the main focus.**

GRADING:

- ☞ 60 % of the course grade will be based on evaluation of the student's presentation by the audience and the instructor, and the student's ability to answer questions from the audience.
- ☞ Proper preparation of report materials will account for 20% of the grade.
- ☞ Active participation in class, as demonstrated by asking questions of speakers, critiques of presentations, and participation in general discussion will account for 20% of the grade.

ATTENDANCE: Students whose number of absences is greater than 2 will receive a grade of "F" for the course. Fewer absences than twice the number of class meetings per week may result in grade penalties at the discretion of the instructor.

TARDINESS: The School of Agriculture and Natural Resources has implemented a new tardiness policy. Any student that is late to class will be considered absent for the class period. No exceptions. Once class begins, the door will be locked and no one will be able to enter afterwards. Students are not allowed to leave the classroom without permission from the instructor.

BEHAVIOR: 1. Students are expected to reflect their status as mature adults and behave courteously towards their classmates.

2. **No eating or use of tobacco** is allowed in the classrooms or labs. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of participation points. If further violations occur, additional points will be deducted from the course grade. Drinks are allowed as long as they are in a container with a sealable lid. **No cans.**

3. **Cell Phone/Pager Policies:**

All cell phones and pagers must either be left in a vehicle or turned off. If a student's cell phone rings (including vibrate mode) during class, that student will lose 5 percentage points off of their final course grade for each occurrence. A student checking their phone or pager for calls or text messages will equate to that phone ringing. **Any student texting in class will have to leave the class and will lose 5 percentage points off of their final course grade for each occurrence.**

If a student's phone rings during a presentation, 10 percentage points will be deducted from the final course grade.