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Optional: Forest Trees of Illinois, Mohlenbrock (State Department of Natural Resources)
Link to UI PLANT: http://wp.nres.uiuc.edu/

Course Objectives:
A. Learn to identify about 150 tree species
B. Understand scientific classification of trees
C. Acquire knowledge of habitats and natural ranges of primary tree species in NA
D. Acquire knowledge of the relative importance of primary tree species in regards to commercial, ecological and ornamental values

Course Content:
Lecture
A. Taxons in classification
B. Taxonomic factors
C. Dendrology of Magnoliophyta (Angiosperms)
D. Dendrology of Pinophyta (Gymnosperms)

Lab
Field identification of trees, shrubs, and woody vines of the area. Most experiences on or near campus. However, a field trip to Spring Lake or Argyle State Park may be planned during a lab period.

Class Schedule: Lecture: MW 11-11:50 KH 201
Lab: T-TH 10-11:50 KH 201

GRADE SCALE:
<60 60 63 67 70 73 77 80 83 87 90 96-100
F  D-  D  D+  C-  C  C+  B-  B  B+  A-  A

GRADE DETERMINATION:
2 one-hour exams 200 pts 33.33%
Final (KH 201, Wed. 12 Dec at 10:00 – 11:50 AM) 100 pts 16.67%
Field quizzes 200 pts 33.33%
Attendance/Participation 100 pts 16.67%

Exams: All written exams will include material covered in lecture and lab.

Field quizzes: 7-11 total If you miss a quiz, it will be counted as a zero (0pts). The lowest quiz will be dropped (only 1 missed quiz can be dropped and it will be counted as your lowest quiz grade).
**WIU ABSENCE POLICY:** See [http://www.wiu.edu/policies/](http://www.wiu.edu/policies/)

**Attendance on dates of tests:** Students who are not present at the time of an announced exam are not entitled to take the exam. If you have some conflict with the date and time of a scheduled exam, you must notify the instructor **before** the exam.

If a student is going to miss a class, it is his/her responsibility to discuss the situation with the appropriate faculty member in advance and in accordance with that faculty member's guidelines for class attendance. If documentation of the reason or reasons for absence is desired by the faculty member, the student should be informed by the faculty member what would suffice for that purpose, e.g. medical documentation, proof of court appearance, etc.

If a student needs medical documentation, (s)he should contact the proper medical source directly for whatever material is needed. Neither the Office of Student Personnel Services nor the Beu Health Clinic issue excuses for not attending class, but a student may obtain a form indicating the date and time of a completed medical appointment of the Health Center should a faculty member, desire or require such evidence. If a student makes a decision not to attend a class because of a non-emergency illness or injury, e.g. sore throat, cold, sprained ankle, flu, etc., it is the responsibility of the student to discuss the absence with the faculty member should the student desire to make up any academic work missed because of the absence. Depending upon the faculty member's class attendance policy, the reasons for the absences and the student's prior record of class attendance, the faculty member may or may not grant the request to make up work that has been missed. It is emphasized that it is the individual faculty member's decision whether or not to grant the request.

The Office of Student Personnel Services will serve as a contact resource for a student in extreme / emergency cases when the student is unable to make contact with a faculty member.

**WIU ASSIGNMENT AND CHEATING POLICY:**
See [http://www.wiu.edu/policies/acintegrity.php](http://www.wiu.edu/policies/acintegrity.php)

Assignments are due on the day specified. Assignments turned in after the due date will be "docked" 10% per day. Use of unauthorized notes or aids during quizzes and tests as well as other acts of "cheating" may result in course failure.

I encourage you to obtain help if you do not understand how to do an assignment. I am available at most any time to assist you. Please see my office door for scheduling appointments. If this is not convenient, you may get someone else from the class to explain or demonstrate the task at hand. I do, however, strongly suggest that you do your own work. That is, you must physically work through the problem(s) so that you can demonstrate, when required, that you have the required competency(ies).

We often will be working in a group with your peers. It is imperative for you to each contribute equal effort.
CLASS TOBACCO PRODUCT POLICY:
See http://www.wiu.edu/provost/students/

In accordance with State law, there is no smoking in class or vehicles during field trips. Chewing tobacco (and spitting chewing tobacco) in class is not permitted. Outdoor labs and field trip participation is considered as class – NO SMOKING or use of tobacco products is permitted.

CELL PHONE POLICY: Cell phone use in class is not permitted. In order to participate in the WIU Emergency Alert System you should have your cell phones set to vibrate. http://www.wiu.edu/alertsystem/
Professional Cell Phone Conduct: PLEASE DO NOT send text messages during class! Texting during class will lead to automatic dismissal for the day. Two dismissals due to disruptive or unprofessional behavior will result in a permanent disbarment from this class and a final grade of “F” will be assigned. You may appeal this decision to the Council on Admission, Graduation and Academic Standards.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)
In accordance with University policy and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), academic accommodations may be made for any student who notifies the instructor of the need for an accommodation. For the instructor to provide the proper accommodation(s) you must obtain documentation of the need for an accommodation through Disability Resource Center (DRC) and provide it to the instructor. It is imperative that you take the initiative to bring such needs to the instructor’s attention, as he/she is not legally permitted to inquire about such particular needs of students. Students who may require special assistance in emergency evacuations (i.e. fire, tornado, inc.) should contact the instructor as to the most appropriate procedures to follow in such an emergency. Contact Disability Resource Center (DRC) at 298-2512 for additional services. http://www.wiu.edu/drc/

ATTENTION EDUCATION MAJORS:
The changes within the state certification require all education majors to receive a grade of a "C" or better in this course in order to meet these new requirements. With the university +/- grading system, receiving a "C-" or below will require you to retake this course or find a substitute course to meet School of Agriculture graduation requirements.

NOTICES
Please be advised that this syllabus is tentative. Due to our dependence on weather conditions for this class, we may or may not be able to address all of the content areas or stick with the anticipated number of exams. Any deviations from the syllabus will be announced as soon as possible.

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