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Description: Students will be given an introductory view of forestry in which commercial, recreational, and aesthetic values will be considered. Students will be expected to be familiar with all of the primary aspects of the practice of forestry and have some knowledge of issues in public forest land management. Students will be introduced to forestry related equipment, tree identification, local timber management principals, and tree and timber valuation.

Lecture Topics: Careers in Forestry; History of Forestry Policy in North America; Forest Composition and Distribution in North America and Illinois; Forest Ecology; Silviculture; Forest Protection - Insects, Diseases, Abiotic Diseases, Fire management; Wildlife Conservation and management; Watersheds and streams, Outdoor recreation and Wilderness management; Harvesting trees; Forest products; Forest Economics; Measuring and Analyzing Forests; Distribution and Management of Public Forestlands - U.S. National Forest, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish & Wildlife Service; Forest Management by the states; Forest Management on Private Lands; Urban and Community Forests.

Lab Exercise Topics: Tree Identification, Tree Anatomy & Physiology, Timber Cruising, Tree Height Determination, Champion Tree Designation, Tree Evaluation, Timber Stand Improvement, Timber Inventory, GPS, Agroforestry - Growing Chestnut and Other high value tree crops; Chainsaw Use and Safety, Sawmill Demonstration, Tree Climbing Demonstration.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION:

| Attendance | 100 | 20% |
| Exam 1 (~mid Feb) | 100 | 20% |
| Exam 2 (~ early Apr) | 100 | 20% |
| Lab exercises and quizzes | 100 | 20% |
| Final (Wed, May 8th 8:00am KH 226) | 100 | 20% |

GRADING SCALE:

<60  60  63  67  70  73  77  80  83  87  90  93-100
F  D-  D  D+  C-  C  C+  B-  B  B+  A-  A

Participation: Participation means taking part in classroom activities, including classroom discussion. Your opinion is important. Some of the topics in the class are very controversial. You may not agree with what is being said. You are encouraged and expected to speak up. It also means attending class.

Attendance points: If you are not in class, you cannot participate and points will be deducted from your total. Each student will be allowed to miss 2 lecture periods and one lab period without loss of points. Also, excused absences are allowed for academic field trips. The student must provide me with a copy of a written excuse from the instructor conducting the field trip. Excused absences are allowed for bona fide
job interviews. The student must contact me in advance of any such interviews and show evidence (E-mail or letter with appointment time and date on company letterhead or other convincing evidence).

**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, for example, 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 may 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 during office hours 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 may be working in a group with your peers in some labs. It is imperative for each member to contribute equal effort.

**CLASS TOBACCO PRODUCT POLICY:**
See [http://www.wiu.edu/provost/students/](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. Field trip participation is considered as class – NO SMOKING or use of tobacco products is permitted.
CELL PHONE POLICY: Cell phones 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 ALL AG ED MAJORS
The changes within the state certification requirements, which go into effect immediately for all of those students who graduate in the spring 2012 and after, you, are required to receive a grade of a "C" or better in this course in order to meet these new requirements. With the new 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.

For information on all WIU policies for students contact the above website.