FORESTRY 407  
URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT  
Spring 2013

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Class Meeting Times:  
Lecture: MW 11-11:50 KH 201  
Lab: Th 10-11:50 KH 201  
3 - Semester hours

Urban Forestry Topics:  
History; Sociological Values; Duties and responsibilities of Municipal Foresters; Utility Forestry; Street Tree Inventories; Tree Ordinances; Street Tree Management Planning, Planting, Pruning, Removal; Tree boards; Volunteer Citizen group involvement. Public Relations and Education; Tree City USA; Arbor Day Tree Programs; Tree Laws; Federal, State, and Municipal Funding Sources; Landscape Waste Management.

Lab Activities:  
- Local Field Trips to observe urban forestry practices at selected locations.
- Required Field Trip: Midwest Urban Tree Care Forum (MUTCF)  
  Students are required to attend the 2013 MUTCF Program. Students will tour West Suburban Chicago area, Downtown Chicago and Morton Arboretum. Van leaves from WIU on Thursday April 11th in the evening for Hotel. Program runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Van returns in the afternoon/evening of April 14th. The cost is estimated to be about $125 per student. Fund-raising ideas will be considered to differ some the cost.
- Arbor Day Program Tree Planting:  
  Each student will be required to select a local community (not Macomb) but within a 50 mile radius of Macomb and conduct an Arbor Day Program tree planting for that community during the week of April 22nd. Each student will be required to make a presentation of their Arbor Day Tree Planting on the last lab period (May 2).
- Street Tree Inventory:  
  Each student will conduct a street tree inventory of 100 trees (minimum) and develop a management program for these trees.
- Macomb Tree Board Meeting:  
  Each student will be required to attend one Macomb Tree Board meeting and complete a written summary of what was discussed at the meeting. Macomb Tree Board meetings are held quarterly. The next meeting (and only one during this semester) will be on Thursday, March 28th at the council chambers on the second floor of Macomb Village Hall.
GRADE DISTRIBUTION:
Attendance 100 pts
Midterm 100 pts
Final Exam (Weds May 8th, 1:00 - 2:50pm, KH 201) 100 pts
Arbor Day Project 200 pts
Required Field Trip: MUTCF 100 pts
Lab Reports 200 pts
  Field trip summaries (75 pts)
  Street tree inventory (100 pts)
  Tree board meeting summary (25 pts)

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

Exams will include material from both lecture and lab.

WIU ABSENCE POLICY: See 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
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 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:
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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/](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/](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.

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