FORESTRY 1101
FOREST RESOURCES SURVEY
FALL SEMESTER 2014

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Course Description (Mississippi State University Bulletin):
Survey of the professional resource manager’s role and career opportunities in providing forest-based goods and services. Not open to Forest Resources majors with senior standing. One lecture hour. One credit.

This course is intended for all freshmen and transfer students enrolled in the forestry major in the College of Forest Resources.

Learning Objective:
The course learning objective is to provide information and discussion, both oral and written, on topics relevant to the education of future professional forest resource managers. This objective will be enhanced by providing a number of writing assignments with the intent of providing students an opportunity to improve their writing skills in a way that will help them learn about the world of natural resources.

Required Readings and Other Materials:


Periodically, handouts and readings will be assigned to the class. Presentations by the instructor will be used to illustrate and expand upon the classroom lecture notes, the
latter of which are included in the myCourses Blackboard Learn venue. Students will be responsible for all class materials.

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Suggested Readings:


To find out more about the above publication go to: http://store.safnet.org/merchant.mv?Screen=PROD&Store_Code=SS&Product_Code=SAF608.
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Evaluation Criteria:
Freewriting 5%
Essay Pre-Writing 10%
Mid-Term 20%
Essay Revision 10%
Final Essay Version 15%
Reflective Essay 20%
Final Exam 20% (given on the last day of this class, December 1, 2014)

Grade Scale:
A 90-100
B 80-89
C 70-79
D 60-69
F 59 or below

Examinations: Exams will be multiple choice. This is a one-hour course; the final examination is scheduled for the last regular hour of this class in the semester.

Mid-Term Exam  Monday, October 6th
Extra Credit Quiz  Monday, November 24th
Final Exam  Monday, December 1st

Writing Exercises: Writing assignments will include the following:
Freewriting (completed in class)  Mondays, Randomly Assigned (1st effort to determine chapter of your choice (Assignment Choice 1 or 2) – August 25th)
Essay Pre-Writing  Monday, September 8th (Blackboard Learn+ 1a or 2a)
Essay Revision  Monday, October 13th (Blackboard Learn+ 1b or 2b)
Final Essay Version  Monday, November 17th (Blackboard Learn+ 1c or 2c)
Reflective Essay on Writing Portfolio (includes all writing items above)  Monday, November 24th (Blackboard Learn+ 1d or 2d)

There will be a number of extra credit assignments available to all students during the semester only. These will be announced in class as they become available.

Professional Expectations:
Please read and follow the advice given in the “Professional Expectations for Students in the Forestry Program” document provided on the first day of class.
Academic Misconduct:
Violations of the academic honesty code will be dealt with in the strictest terms. Students are advised to become familiar with the University’s academic honesty code. The Honor Code reads as:

“As a Mississippi State University student I will conduct myself with honor and integrity at all times. I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor will I accept the actions of those that do.”

Policies and procedures for handling academic misconduct as outlined under University Policies Relating to Students can be found at Internet Web site address http://www.msstate.edu/web/security/student_policies.html and will be followed in this course. Students are responsible for reading all materials (including those contained in the Attachments under Policies Regarding Student Behavior; e.g., especially the Honor Code; Student Affairs OP 91.100, Code of Student Conduct) within this Web site relating to academic misconduct. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that both the letter and the intent of this code are met in all circumstances. Ignorance of this code will not provide a refuge from the consequences of misconduct. In addition the seal and pledge below will appear on all exams and students are expected to sign it.

Attendance Policy:
Lectures—There will be no attendance monitoring unless otherwise noted. Students are expected to attend classes unless prevented by circumstances beyond their control. Regardless of the reason for the absence, students are responsible for all material assigned and covered during their absence.
Exams and Writing Assignments: In case of illness, accident, or emergency, please notify the course instructor prior to an exam absence or missed assignment. Make-up exams and assignments will only be scheduled for absences, or in the event of missed assignments, when authorized by the instructor. Exams and missed assignments can be made-up with a doctor’s excuse for an illness, death in the family, job interview that can’t be rescheduled, or a field trip for another class. All excuses will be subject to verification. Arrangements for make-up exams must be made at least one week in advance. All make-up exams will be essay in nature. Missing an exam or written assignment without proper notification and/or signed verification will result in a grade of zero, including the final exam (no exceptions).

Cell Phone Policy:
Cell phone use is not permitted in the classroom. As a courtesy, please turn off your cell phones, or leave on vibrate, upon entering the classroom for a lecture or when taking an exam.

Student Support Services:
It is the responsibility of any student who has special needs [Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)] to inform the instructor of this class as soon as possible so reasonable accommodations may be provided. The student must self-identify concerning disability documentation that is as recent as within the last three (3) years and request necessary accommodations. (STUDENT AFFAIRS OP 91.121: Students with Disabilities, http://www.msstate.edu/dept/audit/PDF/91121.pdf).

Students may need academic accommodations and should be aware that these services are on campus. It is best to go at the beginning of each semester. Go to Student Support Services Office or see http://www.sss.msstate.edu/.

Thompson Hall Safe Areas
If a severe weather warning sounds while you are in this class, the weather safe areas for Thompson Hall are:

Primary Locations—First floor Rooms 132 and 134, and the Men's and Women's restrooms.

Secondary Locations—First floor Rooms 128 and 130.
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What is Forestry? The Forest Resource | Chapters 1, 18 |
| 8/25 | Ownership and Management of Forest Land  
First Freewriting Exercise | Chapter 2 |
| 9/1  | Labor Day - No Class | |
| 9/8  | The College of Forest Resources (CFR)  
The Forest and Wildlife Research Center (FWRC)  
Two Undergraduate Programs and  
Their Concentrations  
Forestry and NREC Major, Faculty Profiles, Example  
Curriculums in Forestry, Goals of an Undergraduate  
Education  
Essay Pre-Writing Due | CFR  
Undergraduate Handbook (CUH) |
| 9/15 | Forestry  
Job Opportunities in Forestry | Chapters 11, 12 |
| 9/22 | Forest Products  
Job Opportunities in Forest Products | Chapter 4 |
| 9/29 | Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture  
Job Opportunities in Wildlife and Fisheries | Chapter 5 |
| 10/6 | ** MID-TERM EXAM - Monday, October 6th ** | |
| 10/13 | Office of Student Services, Advising, Policies and  
Procedures of Importance for Students (See also notes on myCourses Blackboard Learn⁺, CFR website, MSU websites) | CUH |
| 10/20 | Natural Resource and Environmental Conservation Major | |

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