

FO 4443/6443 International Forest Resources and Trade
Department of Forestry--Mississippi State University
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Course Objective:

The student will identify world trade patterns in forest products, the role of private and government organizations in forestry, and the potential contribution of forest resources to economic development. Industrial forestry and community forestry will be compared as models for long-term sustained economic growth. In this course the student will develop skills in large scale forestry project planning. The interrelationships between society and the forest resource base will be described.

Lectures: 8:00 am – 9:15 am, W & F, Thompson Hall, Room A313

Text: Handouts; Material will be available at
<https://mycourses.msstate.edu/webct/entryPageIns.dowebct>.

Prerequisites: None

Grading:

For FO 4443, the grades will be based on a midterm exam, a final exam, and paper. Final grades will be distributed as follows:

Midterm exam	30%
Final exam	30%
Paper	40%

For FO 6443, the grades will be based on a midterm exam, paper, and presentation. Final grades will be distributed as follows:

Midterm Exam	20%
Paper	30%
Class presentation	30%

Final Exam 20%

Paper Requirments

	Date Due
Topic title	9/19/08
Abstract with 10 citations	10/10/08
Final Paper	12/5/08

Persons with Disabilities:

If you have a disability and desire any assistance devices, services, or other accommodations to participate in the lecture (including examinations), laboratory, or field trips associated with this course, please contact me in room 329 Thompson Hall, or call 325-0928 during normal business hours, as soon as possible to discuss the necessary accommodations.

Academic Misconduct:

“Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to deceptive acts such as the following:

- Using unauthorized materials (crib notes, books, etc.) as an aid during an examination.
- Looking at or using information from another person’s examination, report or assignment.
- Providing assistance to, or receiving information from another person in any manner prohibited by the instructor.
- Submitting any course materials or activities not the student’s own.
- Using the ideas, organization, or words of another from a book, article, paper, computer file or other source without giving proper credit following accepted citation rules (plagiarism).”

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Major Topics:

1. Forest resources in the world
2. Forests and development
3. Developed world versus the developing world
4. International trade of forest resources
5. Farm and community forestry
6. Various Topics

TENTATIVE LECTURE TOPIC SCHEDULE

I. Forest Resources in the World

Week 1:

8/20: Introduction
8/22: Forest Classification and Assessment
Reading: TBA

Week 2:

8/27: Forest Classification and Assessment by Patrick Glass, Mississippi
Institute for Forest Inventory
Reading: TBA

II. Forests and Development

Week 2:

8/29: Dynamics of Deforestation
Reading: TBA

Week 3:

9/3: Dynamics of Deforestation
9/5: Forests and Development
Reading: TBA

Week 4:

9/10: Forests and Development
9/12: Agroforestry and Community Forestry Systems
Reading: TBA

Week 5:

9/17: Regional Growth

III. Developed World versus the Developing World

Week 5:

9/19: Poland by Dr. Robert Grala
Reading: TBA

Week 6:

9/24: Pakistan by Dr. Anwar Hussain
9/26: Brazil by Dr. Bill Stuart
Reading: TBA

Week 7:

10/1: New Zealand
10/3: Mid-Term Exam
Reading: TBA

Week 8:

10/8: Sweden by Dr. Laurie Grace
10/10: China by Dr. Edwin Sun
Reading: TBA

Week 9:

10/15: Great Britain by Dr. Bill Stuart
10/17: Turkey by Dr. Cetin Yuceer
Reading: TBA

Week 10:

10/22: Carbon sequestration

IV. International Trade of Forest Products

Week 10:

10/24: Basics of Trade

Week 11:

10/29: World Patterns and Trade Flows in Forest Products Trade
10/31: Trade Restrictions
Reading: TBA

Week 12:

11/5: No Class
11/7: No Class
Reading: TBA

Week 13:

11/12: Student Presentations: Todd Hagadone, Branden Tolver

VII. Student Presentations (Topics Various)

Week 13:

11/14: Student Presentations: Xiana Santos, Steven Gruchy
Reading: TBA

Week 14:

11/19: Student Presentations: Laura Hobbs, Prakash Nepal
11/21: No Class
Reading: TBA

Week 15:

11/26: No Class

11/28: No Class

Reading: TBA

Exam Week:

12/5: Paper Due at 5:00 p.m.

12/9: Final Exam – 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm (tentative)