ESRM 304

Environmental

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One of the interdisciplinary courses comprising the *core* of the Environmental Science and Resource Management (ESRM) major in the School of Environmental & Forest Sciences (SEFS)

- 200 Society and Sustainable Environments
- 201 Sustaining PNW Ecosystems
- 300 Principles of Sustainability
- **304** Environmental & Resource Assessment

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- All the core courses support the ESRM major in the SEFS and its transcripted options
 - Landscape Ecology & Conservation
 - Restoration Ecology & Environmental Horticulture
 - Sustainable Forest Management
 - Wildlife Conservation

Course Goals

- introduce the methods of how scientific investigation is done,
- demonstrate how scientists from different disciplines use basic assessment methods in their specialty, and

appreciate how these methods are integrated in the context of larger environmental & resource surveys and interdisciplinary problem solving

Hands-on Field Experience

Concepts and Skills taught will be focused and presented in weekly modules

Most weekly modules will be comprised of *both* class and either a laboratory period or a **field trip** (4 hr). Field sites provide suitable resources for demonstration & application of assessment methods

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Field trips are REQUIRED

- Gather in C-10 Parking Lot (btwn BLD & WFS)
- Be on time: Depart at 12:30PM sharp !
- Clothe yourselves appropriately !
 - Sturdy footwear: closed—toe
 - Long pants / full rain suit
- Zero chance for Field trip make-up
 - Lowest score dropped

- "I hear I forget; I see I remember;
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St. Edward State Park Location & Trails Map



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Weekly Module Topics

Module 1: Scientific Method, Field Tools Module 2: Soils and Microclimate Module 3: Ground Cover / Lower Canopy Module 4: Social Environment Module 5: Wildlife population sampling Module 6: Surveying & Navigation Module 7: Stream Ecology / Hydrology Module 8: Remote Sensing & GIS Module 9: Tree cover / Upper canopy Integration: Assessment Strategy Puzzles

Module Topics and Instructors

۲	Sci. Method in Nat. Resources	E Turnblom
۲	Soils and Microclimate	D Vogt
۲	Lower Canopy Sampling	E Turnblom
۲	Social Environment	M Lenentine
۲	Wildlife population sampling	A Wirsing
۲	Surveying & Navigation	K Ewing
۲	Stream Ecology / Hydrology	C Means
۲	Remote Sensing & GIS	LM Moskal
۲	Tree cover / Upper canopy	E Turnblom
۲	Teaching Assistance	R Swan

Requirements/Grading

- 1) Individual Module Grades. The percentage grade for each instructional module will be averaged to develop the score for this component. Represents <u>75% of grade</u>.
- Final Exam. The exam date is Wednesday Dec 13th from 8:30-10:20AM in this classroom (WFS 201). The final represents <u>15% of grade</u>.
- 3) <u>Participation / Effort</u>. Students are expected to participate actively in all class & field activities. Represents <u>10% of grade</u>.

ESRM 304 Resource Materials

web site:

courses.washington.edu/esrm304a

– class PPTs & other materials placed here

Field site materials Distributed in class, as needed

Readings and handouts On website and in class, periodically

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Reading Assignment – "Read This! Study Tips"

http://courses.washington.edu/esrm304a/lectures/Mod ule 1/ReadThis!_StudyTips.pdf