

FWCE-FISH,WILDLF,CONSERV ECOL (FWCE)

FWCE 1110G. Introduction to Natural Resources Management 4 Credits (3+2P)

This class covers historical and current issues affecting the management of renewable natural resources with an emphasis on water, soil, rangeland, forest, fish, and wildlife resources. An emphasis is placed on the scientific method and critical thinking. In the laboratory students collect and analyze field data on topics covered above and write up each unit as a laboratory report.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students should be able to recall, describe and explain the laws, treaties and acts that have led to our current management of natural resources in the United States.
2. Students should recognize or explain what ecological processes are, the importance of ecological processes in maintaining ecosystem function and how human activities change ecological processes and the ecosystems dependent on those processes.
3. In each of the six course and lab modules (water quality, soils, forestry, rangelands, wildlife and fisheries) students should be able to recall, describe and explain basic terminology, fundamental ecological principles and management techniques and challenges.
4. Students should be able to interpret data presented graphically and in tables from class exercises and lectures.
5. Students should be able to solve problems scientifically through field data collection, laboratory analyses and the use of quantitative methods (basic statistics, tables and graphs).
6. Students should be able to communicate results from laboratory exercises (6 lab modules) orally and in writing.
7. Students will learn to apply scientific thinking to real world problems through in class discussion and short essays based on material from case studies presented in class and guest speakers.

FWCE 1120. Contemporary Issues in Wildlife and Natural Resources Management 3 Credits (3)

Ecological, socioeconomic, and political issues surrounding the management of our natural resources with an emphasis on fish and wildlife resources.

FWCE 2110. Principles of Fish and Wildlife Management 3 Credits (3)

Basic principles of fish and wildlife management including history, ecology, economics, and policy. Emphasis on wildlife and fisheries. Uses an ecosystem approach integrating living and nonliving resources.

Prerequisite(s): FWCE 1110G.

Learning Outcomes

1. The goal of this course is to provide a firm foundation in the principles of wildlife and fisheries management.
2. Material will include a background in biological principles geared towards animal populations, characteristics and management of the habitats utilized by fish and wildlife, techniques used to study and manage animals and their habitats, and aspects of the human dimension involved in wildlife and fisheries issues.
3. This course serves as a core requirement for degrees offered in the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology and as a required course for degrees in other departments such as Rangeland Resources.