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Objectives:

The purpose of this course is to introduce beginning students in natural resources to:

1. An overview of natural resources at multiple scales,
2. Major factors and philosophies influencing historic and current conditions and trends in natural resource conservation philosophy,
3. The major themes and concepts that integrate resource issues,
4. The variety of employment opportunities in natural resources and how to prepare for a professional career,
5. The educational and work requirements that make students competitive.

Textbooks:

Leopold, A. 1949. *A Sand County Almanac*. Oxford University Press.

Fischer, H. 1995. *Wolf Wars*. Falcon Press.

Course Grades will be based on the following proportions:

Midterm 1	0.30
Midterm 2	0.30
Final Exam	0.40

Exams: **No make-up exams** without medical or other major verifiable excuse. You **must** contact Dan Pletscher **before** actual exam to see if make up exam will be allowed.

Pop quizzes for a total of five extra points will be given during the semester. Quiz points are valuable, and can best be assured by staying current with assigned readings and attending class!

University policies on drops, adds, changes of grade option, or change to audit status will be strictly enforced in this course. These policies are described on page 21 of the 2007-2008 Catalog. Students should specifically note that after the 30th day of the semester, such

changes are **NOT** automatically approved. They may be requested by petition, but the petition **MUST** be accompanied by documentation of extenuating circumstances. Requests to drop a course or change the grade basis to benefit a student's grade point average will **not** be approved.

All students must practice academic honesty. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or a disciplinary sanction by the University.

All students should be familiar with the Student Conduct Code. The Code is available for review online.

<i>DATE</i>	<i>SCHEDULED TOPIC</i>	<i>SPEAKERS/READINGS</i>
27 January	Course Introduction	Pletscher/Six - Ch. 1-5, Fischer
29 January	Introduction to Conservation History	Pletscher - Part 1, Leopold
3 February	American Resources & Conservation History	Pletscher
5 February	American Resources & Conservation History – 20 th Century	Pletscher
10 February	How to Study and Succeed	Six
12 February	Graduate School	Six
17 February	Wildlife Issues and Careers	Pletscher
19 February	Wildlife Issues and Careers	Pletscher
24 February	Federal and State Conservation Agencies and Review for Exam	Pletscher
26 February	FIRST MID-TERM EXAM	
3 March	Return Exams; Interaction between Natural Resources Disciplines	Pletscher - Ch. 6 - 10, Fischer
5 March	Global Warming	Six - Part II, Leopold
10 March	Entomology and Plant Pathology	Six
12 March	Soils	Cory Cleveland
17 March	Silviculture	John Goodburn
19 March	Fire	Ron Wakimoto
24 March	Use of Wood and Review for Exam	Pletscher
26 March	SECOND MID-TERM EXAM	
31 March	SPRING BREAK	
2 April	SPRING BREAK	
7 April	Return Exams; Conservation and Environmental Ethics	Pletscher – Part III, Leopold
9 April	Leopold's Land Ethic	Pletscher - Ch. 11 – 14, Fischer
14 April	Hydrology	Don Potts
16 April	Fisheries	Lisa Eby
21 April	Social Values	Jim Burchfield
23 April	Private Non-profit Organizations	Hank Fischer
28 April	Information and Education	Ron Aasheim
30 April	Recreation	Wayne Freimund
5 May	Ecosystem Management	Six
7 May	Concluding Remarks and Review for Final	Pletscher
14 May	FINAL EXAM: 8:00 – 10:00	