FW 375 Wildlife Field Studies

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LECTURES: Wednesday 5:00-5:50 pm in 107B Wagar

FIELD TRIPS:
Please note: This course has a variable course fee (maximum fee is $292). The course fee will be charged AT THE END OF THE SEMESTER, please plan accordingly. Multiple weekends and spring break field trip required.

January 30 - Bald Eagle Repository - Denver Field Trip 11am - 6pm
February 7 - Waterfowl Field Trip Eastern Colorado 5am - 6pm
February 14 - Black-footed Ferret Conservation Center 8am - 5pm
February 28 - TBD
March 13- March 22 - Spring Break field trip to Carlsbad National Park, Guadalupe Mountain National Park, Big Bend National Park, areas around Corpus Christi, TX possibly including Port Aransas, Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, Padre Island National Seashore, Goose Island State Park, National Estuarine Research Reserve. We will be camping and students need to have their own sleeping bags and tents. Students are responsible to provide some of their own meals.
April 10 - April 12 - Trinchera Ranch, San Luis Valley

Additional field trips may be scheduled as needed and trips are subject to change due to weather, etc.

WEB PAGE: canvas.colostate.edu

PREREQUISITES: FW 260, LIFE 320 or LAND 220/LIFE 220.

TEXT & READINGS: Required readings via the web or library reserve.

Course Objectives: This course is intended to provide students insight to wildlife management problems and careers by speaking with professional resource managers/ecologists and by visiting field sites. We will focus on problems and issues in Colorado and nearby states.

Student Evaluation & Grades: Approximate Distribution of Points by Percentages
Attendance, participation, preparedness 60%
Essay assignments 20%
Presentations, quizzes, exams 20%

Letter grades are assigned as follows and plus/minus grading may be used:
A (90% or higher), B (80 - 89%),(73 - 79%), D (60 - 72%), F (59% or lower)

You must attend all required field trips and classes. There will seldom be make-up field trips. The only rare exceptions are for catastrophes, truly beyond your control--hospitalization, imprisonment, family death--and then I must be notified prior to the trip/meeting, unless that is truly impossible.

Assignments will generally involve background research, presentation as well as personal essays. Some assignments will be individual; others will be group-based. Late work will only be accepted within 24 hours from the due date and will be penalized 20%.
Expect quizzes to cover recent lecture, field trip, or reading material. I expect you to come to class prepared, to interact in discussions, and to ask questions.

This course will adhere to the CSU Academic Integrity Policy as found in the General Catalog (http://www.catalog.colostate.edu/Content/files/2012/FrontPDF/1.6POLICIES.pdf) and the Student Conduct Code (http://www.conflictresolution.colostate.edu/conduct-code). At a minimum, violations will result in a grading penalty in this course and possibly a report to the Office of Conflict Resolution and Student Conduct Services.

Student Conduct: “Colorado State University expects students to maintain standards of personal integrity that are in harmony with the educational goals of the institution; to observe national, state, and local laws, and University regulations; and to respect the rights, privileges, and property of other people” (Student Rights and Responsibilities). “…The University recognizes the right of all students to engage in discussion, to exchange thought and opinion, and to speak, write, or print freely on any subject in accordance with the guarantees of Federal or State constitutions”.

Classroom behavior and discourse should reflect the values of respect and civility. Classroom disruption by students constitutes a serious breach of University behavioral expectations. Faculty members are encouraged to respond to behaviors that are disruptive to the academic environment, and they may require students to leave the class pending discussion and resolution of the concerns. Students may be referred to the Office of Judicial Affairs for possible university disciplinary action including suspension, dismissal or expulsion and/or the campus police summoned in serious cases of disruptive behavior. The above information is covered in the Students Rights and Responsibilities section of the “Academic Program Guide” (CSU General Catalog) and the “Students Rights and Responsibilities” handbook available from the V.P. of Student Affairs.