

**FORESTRY 1101  
FOREST RESOURCES SURVEY  
FALL SEMESTER 2014**

**INSTRUCTOR:** Dr. Stephen C. Grado

**CLASSROOM:** a208 Thompson Hall  
**LECTURE:** Monday 12:00PM-12:50PM

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 8:00AM-9:00AM  
or by appointment.

**Course Description (Mississippi State University Bulletin):**

Survey of the professional resource manager's role and career opportunities in providing forest-based goods and services. Not open to Forest Resources majors with senior standing. One lecture hour. One credit.

This course is intended for all freshmen and transfer students enrolled in the forestry major in the College of Forest Resources.

**Learning Objective:**

The course learning objective is to provide information and discussion, both oral and written, on topics relevant to the education of future professional forest resource managers. This objective will be enhanced by providing a number of writing assignments with the intent of providing students an opportunity to improve their writing skills in a way that will help them learn about the world of natural resources.

**Required Readings and Other Materials:**

Grebner, D.L., P. Bettinger, and J.P. Siry. 2013. Introduction to Forestry and Natural Resources. Academic Press: Waltham, Massachusetts. 496 pp.

Helms, J.A. 1998. The Dictionary of Forestry. Society of American Foresters, Bethesda, Maryland.

Office of Student Services. 2014. College of Forest Resources Undergraduate Handbook, 2014-2015. College of Forest Resources, Mississippi State University.

Periodically, handouts and readings will be assigned to the class. Presentations by the instructor will be used to illustrate and expand upon the classroom lecture notes, the

latter of which are included in the myCourses Blackboard Learn venue. Students will be responsible for all class materials.

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**Suggested Readings:**

Leopold, A. 1966. A Sand County Almanac: With Other Essays from Round River.  
Oxford University Press, Inc., 269 pp.

Society of American Foresters. 2000. Ethics Guide: A Tool to Help You Put the SAF  
Code of Ethics into Practice. Society of American Foresters, Bethesda, Maryland.

**To find out more about the above publication go to:**

[http://store.safnet.org/merchant.mv?Screen=PROD&Store\\_Code=SS&Product\\_Code=SAF608](http://store.safnet.org/merchant.mv?Screen=PROD&Store_Code=SS&Product_Code=SAF608).

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**Evaluation Criteria:**

Freewriting	5%
Essay Pre-Writing	10%
Mid-Term	20%
Essay Revision	10%
Final Essay Version	15%
Reflective Essay	20%
Final Exam	20% (given on the last day of <u>this</u> class, <b>December 1, 2014</b> )
	100%

**Grade Scale:**

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	59 or below

**Examinations:** Exams will be multiple choice. This is a one-hour course; **the final examination is scheduled for the last regular hour of this class in the semester.**

Mid-Term Exam	<b>Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup></b>
Extra Credit Quiz	<b>Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup></b>
Final Exam	<b>Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup></b>

**Writing Exercises:** Writing assignments will include the following:

Freewriting (completed in class)	<b>Mondays, Randomly Assigned (1<sup>st</sup> effort to determine chapter of your choice (Assignment Choice 1 or 2) – August 25<sup>th</sup>)</b>
Essay Pre-Writing	<b>Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup></b> (Blackboard Learn <sup>+</sup> 1a or 2a)
Essay Revision	<b>Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup></b> (Blackboard Learn <sup>+</sup> 1b or 2b)
Final Essay Version	<b>Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup></b> (Blackboard Learn <sup>+</sup> 1c or 2c)
Reflective Essay on Writing Portfolio (includes all writing items above)	<b>Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup></b> (Blackboard Learn <sup>+</sup> 1d or 2d)

There will be a number of extra credit assignments available to all students during the semester only. These will be announced in class as they become available.

**Professional Expectations:**

**Please read and follow the advice given in the “*Professional Expectations for Students in the Forestry Program*” document provided on the first day of class.**

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**Academic Misconduct:**

Violations of the academic honesty code will be dealt with in the strictest terms. Students are advised to become familiar with the University's academic honesty code. The Honor Code reads as:

“As a Mississippi State University student I will conduct myself with honor and integrity at all times. I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor will I accept the actions of those that do.”

Policies and procedures for handling academic misconduct as outlined under University Policies Relating to Students can be found at Internet Web site address [http://www.msstate.edu/web/security/student\\_policies.html](http://www.msstate.edu/web/security/student_policies.html) and will be followed in this course. Students are responsible for reading all materials (including those contained in the Attachments under Policies Regarding Student Behavior; e.g., especially the Honor Code; Student Affairs OP 91.100, Code of Student Conduct) within this Web site relating to academic misconduct. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that both the *letter* and the *intent* of this code are met in all circumstances. Ignorance of this code will not provide a refuge from the consequences of misconduct. In addition the seal and pledge below will appear on all exams and students are expected to sign it.



“On my honor, as a Mississippi State Student,  
I have neither given nor received unauthorized  
assistance on this academic work.”

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Student Signature

**Attendance Policy:**

**Lectures**-There will be no attendance monitoring unless otherwise noted. Students are expected to attend classes unless prevented by circumstances beyond their control. Regardless of the reason for the absence, students are responsible for all material assigned and covered during their absence.

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**Exams and Writing Assignments**-In case of illness, accident, or emergency, please notify the course instructor *prior* to an exam absence or missed assignment. Make-up exams and assignments will only be scheduled for absences, or in the event of missed assignments, when authorized by the instructor. Exams and missed assignments can be made-up with a doctor's excuse for an illness, death in the family, job interview that can't be rescheduled, or a field trip for another class. All excuses will be subject to verification. Arrangements for make-up exams must be made at least one week in advance. All make-up exams will be essay in nature. **Missing an exam or written assignment without proper notification and/or signed verification will result in a grade of zero, including the final exam (no exceptions).**

**Cell Phone Policy:**

Cell phone use is not permitted in the classroom. As a courtesy, please turn off your cell phones, or leave on vibrate, upon entering the classroom for a lecture or when taking an exam.

**Student Support Services:**

It is the responsibility of any student who has special needs [Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)] to inform the instructor of this class as soon as possible so reasonable accommodations may be provided. The student must self-identify concerning disability documentation that is as recent as within the last three (3) years and request necessary accommodations. (STUDENT AFFAIRS OP 91.121: Students with Disabilities, <http://www.msstate.edu/dept/audit/PDF/91121.pdf>).

Students may need academic accommodations and should be aware that these services are on campus. It is best to go at the beginning of each semester. Go to Student Support Services Office or see <http://www.sss.msstate.edu/>.

**Thompson Hall Safe Areas**

If a severe weather warning sounds while you are in this class, the weather safe areas for Thompson Hall are:

Primary Locations-First floor Rooms 132 and 134, and the Men's and Women's restrooms.

Secondary Locations-First floor Rooms 128 and 130.

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**Tentative Course Schedule**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Topics</u></b>	<b><u>Readings</u><sup>1</sup></b>
8/18	Course Introduction and Requirements What is Forestry? The Forest Resource	Chapters 1, 18
8/25	Ownership and Management of Forest Land <b>First Freewriting Exercise</b>	Chapter 2
<b>9/1</b>	<b>Labor Day - No Class</b>	
9/8	The College of Forest Resources (CFR) The Forest and Wildlife Research Center (FWRC) Two Undergraduate Programs and Their Concentrations Forestry and NREC Major, Faculty Profiles, Example Curriculums in Forestry, Goals of an Undergraduate Education <b>Essay Pre-Writing Due</b>	CFR Undergraduate Handbook (CUH)
9/15	Forestry Job Opportunities in Forestry	Chapters 11, 12
9/22	Forest Products Job Opportunities in Forest Products	Chapter 4
9/29	Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture Job Opportunities in Wildlife and Fisheries	Chapter 5
10/6	<b>** MID-TERM EXAM - Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> **</b>	
10/13	Office of Student Services, Advising, Policies and Procedures of Importance for Students (See also notes on myCourses Blackboard Learn <sup>+</sup> , CFR website, MSU websites) <b>Essay Revision Due</b>	CUH
10/20	Natural Resource and Environmental Conservation Major	

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10/27	Extra-Curricular Activities, Student Organizations, Undergraduate Committee (Dept. of Forestry)	
11/3	Ethics in Forestry	Chapter 17
11/10	The Library; Reflecting on Potential Sources for Your Essay <b>NOTE:</b> We will meet at the Mitchel Memorial Library during class time and attendance will be taken. Please be on time!	
11/17	Communication Skills <b>Final Essay Version Due</b>	
11/24	Job Interviews, Résumé Writing, <b>Extra Credit Quiz</b> <b>Reflective Essay on Writing Portfolio Due</b>	Chapter 18
12/1	<b>** FINAL EXAM - Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**</b> <b>(Last Class Day for FO 1101)</b>	

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