

**FORESTRY 3113
FOREST RECREATION MANAGEMENT
FALL SEMESTER 2015**

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LECTURE: Tuesday and Thursday 9:30AM-10:45AM

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Course Description (Mississippi State University Bulletin):

Studies of the management of forest resources for outdoor recreation.

Objectives:

1. Study the pertinent aspects and issues of outdoor recreation management with particular emphasis on forest recreation management.
2. Identify and explain the technical programs and activities to provide outdoor/forest recreation experiences.
3. Examine techniques and methods of valuating outdoor/forest recreation activities.

Required Readings and Other Materials:

Beyond the notes delivered in class and stored on myCourses, there also will be a series of tables and figures stored on myCourses as well. Students will be responsible for this material.

Periodically, handouts, and readings will be given to the class. PowerPoint presentations on myCourses will be used to illustrate and expand upon the classroom lecture notes. Students will be responsible for this material.

Suggested Readings:

Douglas, R.W. 2000. *Forest Recreation*. 5th Edition. Waveland Press, Inc., Prospect Heights, Illinois.

Hammit, W.E. and D.N. Cole. 1998. *Wildland Recreation: Ecology and Management*. 2nd Edition. John Wiley & Sons, New York, New York.

Jubenville, A. and B.W. Twight. 1993. *Outdoor Recreation Management: Theory and Application*. 3rd Edition. Venture Publishing, Inc., State College, Pennsylvania.

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Suggested Readings (continued):

Loomis J.B. and R.G. Walsh. 1997. *Recreation Economic Decisions: Comparing Benefits and Costs*, 2nd Edition. Venture Publishing, Inc. State College, Pennsylvania.

Zinser, C.I. 1995. *Outdoor Recreation: United States National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands*. John Wiley & Sons, New York, New York.

Evaluation Criteria:

Exams I, II, and III 60% (20% each), Term Paper 15%, and Final Exam 25%

Grade Scale:

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

Examinations:

Exams will consist of short answer essays and multiple-choice questions.

Exam I	Thursday, September 10th
Exam II	Thursday, October 8th
Exam III	Thursday, October 29th
Extra Credit Quiz	Thursday, November 19th
Final Exam	Thursday, December 10th (8:00 to 11:00AM)

Term Paper:

The paper will entail a discussion of current research on a relevant outdoor recreation issue, preferably within the realm of forest recreation.

Tuesday, September 15th. Submit specific term paper topic for review and approval (5% of the total term paper grade).

Tuesday, November 17th. Submit term paper (95% of the term paper grade). Late submittals will be penalized at a rate of two (2) points a day.

Professional Expectations:

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

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Title IX:

MSU is committed to complying with Title IX, a federal law that prohibits discrimination, including violence and harassment, based on sex. This means that MSU's educational programs and activities must be free from sex discrimination, sexual harassment, and other forms of sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know has experienced sex discrimination, sexual violence and/or harassment by any member of the University community, you are encouraged to report the conduct to MSU's Direction of Title IX/EEO Programs at 325-8124 or by e-mail to titleix@msstate.edu. Additional resources are available at <http://www.msstate.edu/web/security/title9-12.pdf>, or at <http://students.msstate.edu/sexualmisconduct/>.

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 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.

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

Student Signature

Attendance Policy:

Lectures-There will be no attendance monitoring unless otherwise noted. However, all lectures will contain material not covered in the textbook. 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.

Exams-In case of illness, accident, or emergency, please notify the course instructor ***prior*** to the absence for an exam. Make-up exams will only be scheduled for absences authorized by the instructor. Exams can be made-up with a doctor's excuse (for illness at the time of the exam); 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-ups must be made at least one week in advance. All make-up exams will be essay in nature. **Missing an exam without proper notification and/or signed verification will result in a grade of zero in the exam, including the final exam (no exceptions).**

Cell Phone Policy:

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

Student Support Services:

It is the responsibility of any student with special needs [Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)] to inform the class instructor 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, see <http://www.msstate.edu/dept/audit/PDF/91121.pdf>).

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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 the Office of Student Support Services, 01 Montgomery Hall; see <http://www.sss.msstate.edu/>; or call 662-325-3335. Students who need academic accommodations based on a disability should also visit the Office of Student Support Services.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topics</u>
8/18	Course Introduction and Requirements Job Opportunities
8/20	The Outdoor Recreational Resource
8/25	Management Framework Historical Background
8/27	The Outdoor Recreation Management Model
9/1	Theoretical Foundations
9/3	The Problem-Solving Process
9/8	Involvement of the Public in Decision Making
9/10	** EXAM I - Thursday, September 10th **
9/15	Recreational Resource Management Assessing Impacts in the Real World Term Paper Topic Due
9/17	Site Management
9/22	Turf Management
9/24	Management of Overstory Vegetation
9/29	Management of Natural Ecosystems
10/1	Visual Resource Management
10/6	Fall Break. No Classes!
10/8	** EXAM II - Thursday, October 8th **

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Tentative Course Schedule (continued)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
10/13	Visitor Management Distribution of Visitor Use
10/15	Visitor Attendance
10/20	Information Services
10/22	Interpretive Services
10/27	Public Safety
10/29	** EXAM III - Thursday, October 29th **
11/3	Service Management Recreation Area Planning
11/5	Hazard Management
11/10	Maintenance Management
11/12	Concession Management
11/17	Economics and Outdoor/Forest Recreation Term Papers Due
11/19	Economics and Outdoor/Forest Recreation Extra Credit Quiz!
11/24	Economics and Outdoor/Forest Recreation
11/25 to 11/27	Fall Break and Thanksgiving. No Classes!
12/1	Economics and Outdoor/Forest Recreation Review for the Final Exam
12/10	** FINAL EXAM - Thursday, December 10th, 8:00 to 11:00AM **