

Principles of Wildlife Management WL ECOL 379 Spring 2015

ORGANIZATION OF THE COURSE

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Major Topics:

- Scope and development of wildlife management
- Managing wildlife populations for harvest
- Managing overabundant wildlife populations
- Managing scarce and declining wildlife populations
- Integrating genetics into wildlife management
- Challenges for wildlife managers in today's world

On-line Required Readings and Course Materials:

There will be no text book for the course. Instead, required readings and other course materials will be made available to you electronically via the Learn@UW homepage. You can either read the material on line or print a copy to read a hard copy.

Exams and Grading System:

Exams will be primarily short answer and cover materials from lectures and readings. I do not accept late work.

Your final grade will be determined as follows:

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| 1. 3 exams (TBA, in class): | 65% |
| (depending on whether or not you take optional final) | |
| 2. Optional Final exam (May 14, 12:25-2:25, 184 Russell labs): | |
| (If you don't take the final, the 3 exams will comprise 65% of your final grade) | |
| 3. Out-of-class works: | 25% |
| (essays, problem sets, summaries of guest speakers, other work that I will announce in class) | |
| 4. Participation in Discussion | 10% |

In past years, the distribution of grades in this class of about 60 students followed a normal, bell-shaped curve, with the median grade usually being a B (reflecting an average of about 85%).