

**FORESTRY 3113
FOREST RECREATION MANAGEMENT
FALL SEMESTER 2007**

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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 Textbook, Readings, and Other Materials:

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

Periodically, handouts and readings will be given to the class. PowerPoint presentations 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.

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

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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, N. Y.

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	Tuesday, September 18th
Exam II	Tuesday, October 23rd
Exam III	Tuesday, November 6th
Extra Credit Quiz	Tuesday, November 27th
Final	Friday, December 7th

Term Paper:

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

Thursday, September 20th Submit specific term paper topic for review (5% of the term paper grade).

Tuesday, November 20th Submit term paper (95% of the term paper grade).

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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/dept/audit/1207.html> and will be followed in this course. Students are responsible for reading all materials (including that contained in the Attachments) 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.”

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. Steven – you need to address how you will do your online lectures, discussion of readings etc.

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 not 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.**

Sample

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Tentative Course Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Textbook/ Reading Assignments</u>	<u>Contact Hours</u>
8/21	Course Introduction and Requirements Job Opportunities	None	
8/23	The Outdoor Recreational Resource	None	
8/28	Management Framework Historical Background	pages 1-2 pages 3-11	
8/30	The Outdoor Recreation Management Model	pages 13-29	
9/4	Theoretical Foundations	pages 31-49	
9/6	The Problem-Solving Process	pages 51-63	
9/11	Involvement of the Public in Decision Making pages 75-90		
9/13	Review for Exam I Recreational Resource Management	page 91	
9/18	** EXAM I - Tuesday, September 18th **		
9/20	Assessing Impacts in the Real World Term Paper Topic Due	pages 93-103	
9/25	Site Management	pages 105-115	
9/27	Turf Management	pages 117-129	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Textbook/ Reading Assignments</u>	<u>Contact Hours</u>
10/1-10/2	Fall Break for Students – No Class		
10/4	Management of Overstory Vegetation	pages 131-146	
10/9	Management of Natural Ecosystems	pages 147-166	
10/11	Visual Resource Management	pages 167-193	
10/16	Review for Exam II Visitor Management	page 195	
10/18	Distribution of Visitor Use Visitor Attendance	pages 198-207 None	
10/23	** EXAM II - Tuesday, October 23rd**		
10/25	Information Services	pages 209-222	
10/30	Interpretive Services	pages 223-235	
11/1	Public Safety	pages 237-257	
11/6	** EXAM III - Tuesday, November 6th **		
11/8	Service Management Recreation Area Planning	page 259 pages 261-269	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Textbook/ Reading Assignments</u>	<u>Contact Hours</u>
11/13	Hazard Management	pages 277-288	
11/15	Maintenance Management	pages 289-300	
11/20	Concession Management Term Papers Due	pages 301-315	
11/22	Thanksgiving! No Class.		
11/27	Economics and Outdoor/ Forest Recreation Extra Credit Quiz!	pages 269-275	
11/29	Economics and Outdoor/Forest Recreation	None	
12/7	** FINAL EXAM Wednesday, December 7th, 3:00 to 6:00PM **		