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BIOL 2306.001 Introductory Wildlife (3.1.1)

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Contact me:

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- ☑ **Office Hours:**
 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30 am – 11:30 am
 - Thursday NONE – but I will be available and around if you need anything before class.
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 - Professor may be unavailable from noon on Friday until 7:00 am on Monday as well as on college holidays.

Purpose: This course is an introduction to the ecology and management of wildlife populations. We will cover basic principles of wildlife biology and acquaint students with wildlife management techniques. An appreciation and respect for wildlife will be stressed along with individual laboratory and field investigation of topics covered in class.

Course Prerequisite:

BIOL 1413 General Zoology, or
BIOL 1406/1407 Biology for Science Majors I or II, or
BIOL 1408/1409 Biology for Non-Science Majors I or II
Or permission from instructor

Required Course Materials

None

Specific Course Objectives:

1. To introduce the basic principles of wildlife biology.
2. To acquaint students with wildlife management techniques.
3. To instill an appreciation and respect for wildlife.
4. To allow individual laboratory and field investigation of wildlife.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Explain the structure and impact of biogeochemical cycles.
2. Describe energy transformations across trophic levels.
3. Illustrate abiotic/biotic interactions and symbiotic relationships.
4. Identify various types of natural resources, human impact on these resources, and common resource management practices.
5. Quantify and analyze the impact of lifestyle on the environment.

6. Depict evolutionary trends and adaptations to environmental changes.
7. Describe environmental hazards and risks and the social and economic ramifications.
8. Describe ecological and statistical techniques and approaches used in the study of environmental biology.

Policies, Procedures, and Rules:

This course will be conducted according to the policies and procedures of the South Plains College Student Handbook and General Catalog. The instructor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus and schedule as needed. Students will be notified of changes in class.

Course Content:

- **Blackboard is an important source for course information.** We may occasionally use additional programs (EdPuzzle) for activities throughout the semester. Any out of class assignments will be listed on Blackboard and linked from Blackboard.
- **Google Chrome is the preferred browser for use with Blackboard and will be REQUIRED if exams must be taken off campus.**

Communication Policy:

- For individual communication, please send me an email. I generally respond to emails within 24 hours or less except for weekends and holidays.
- For group communication, I will use **announcements on Blackboard** and send a copy to your email listed in Blackboard. Please be sure this is an email that you regularly access.

Attendance Policy:

- Regular Class Meetings:
 - Punctual and regular attendance is expected for all class meetings. Students are expected to be attentive and engaged with the material being presented and the discussions and lab work taking place.
 - Students are required to attend all in person sessions. There are no “make-up” days, you will not be able to make up assignments missed, and I will not accept late work.
 - If you have a documented excuse (hospitalization, funeral) for being absent, it is your responsibility to notify me, before our scheduled class meeting if possible, so that reasonable accommodations can be made.
 - When absences become excessive and, in the instructor’s opinion, minimum course objectives cannot be met, the student will be withdrawn from the course. Any student with 3 absences will be withdrawn from the class.
 - Students are responsible for all material covered during any absence.
 - Students who enroll in a course but have “Never Attended” by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who does not meet the attendance requirements of a class as stated in the course syllabus and does not officially withdraw from that course by the official census date of the semester, may be administratively withdrawn from that course and receive a grade of “X.”

Hazardous Weather Policy:

- South Plains College rarely cancels classes due to weather. Students should plan accordingly to be able to attend all classes and arrive at SPC Levelland safely. Announcements concerning cancellations and/or delays are made on local television, radio and on MySPC. Emergency

notifications are also made by the college via email, text, and phone call. I will post any delays or cancellations on Blackboard.

Course Grade Policy: Below are the assessment and assignment categories you can expect in this course:

Grade Categories	Points per Item	Total Points per Category
Major Exams	2 @ 100 points	200 points
Quizzes		50 points
Assignments		50 points
Bird List		50 points
Class Participation		50 points
	Total Points	400 points

Final Grade Calculation: The following point system will be used to determine the final class grade.

Total Points	Average	Grade
360-400	90-100	A
320-359	80-89	B
280-319	70-79	C
240-279	60-69	D
0-239	0-59	F

Make-up Policy:

- If you miss a quiz or an exam, you will automatically receive a zero for that grade. You will not be able to make up or retake the missed item

Drop Procedure:

- An official drop initiated by the student before the Last Day to Drop (**April 30, 2026**) will result in a W on your transcript. Any drop initiated by the instructor for excessive absences will result in an X grade on the transcript. See the school policy on drops and the limit placed on “unexcused” drops which is available in the General Catalog on the school website. Students can drop a course online by completing the [Student Initiated Drop](#) form.

Student Conduct:

- Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on the part of the student and the instructor. Neither instructor nor student should be subject to others’ behavior that is rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning. Student conduct that disrupts the learning process or is deemed disrespectful or threatening shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.
 - A high standard of conduct is expected of all students. It is assumed that obedience to the law, respect for property, authority, personal honor, integrity, and common sense will guide the actions of each member of this class. Any student who fails to perform to the expected standards will be asked to withdraw from the course or will be administratively dropped from the course by the instructor.
 - Students should respect the academic situation and be considerate of others in the classroom. Late arrivals should seat themselves quietly and without disruption to the lecture. During lecture, students should refrain from talking, eating, or any other

behavior that will disturb others, including the instructor. Students should be alert, taking notes and paying attention during lecture, videos and discussions.

- **Electronic Devices**

- ALL electronic devices should be silenced inside the classroom.
- If an device becomes a repeated issue, 5 points will be deducted from the student's next major exam grade per incident.
- Phones and smartwatches must be put away during exams. Earbuds should not be worn at ANY time during class.
- You may NOT record the lectures, labs, or take photos/videos of the instructor without my expressed permission.

Academic Integrity (from SPC Student Guide)

It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

Plagiarism and Cheating: Students are expected to do their own work on all quizzes and examinations. Failure to comply with this policy will result in an F for the assignment and can result in an F for the course if circumstances warrant.

- Plagiarism violations include but are not limited to the following:
 - Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identifiable expression of material taken from books, Internet resources, encyclopedias, magazines, and other reference works, or from the themes, reports or other writings of a fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism.
- Cheating includes but is not limited to the following:
 - Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination, obtaining information during an examination from the textbook or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in an office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of course work. This applies to quizzes of whatever length, as well as to final examinations, to daily reports and to term papers.

Grievance procedure:

- If a student is having an issue with course policies or the instructor, he or she should first try and resolve any such problems with the instructor. If the problem is not resolved, the student may proceed to the Biology Department Chair, who can advise the student on how to resolve the problem or direct them to the appropriate office.

Copyright Notice:

- All material presented by the instructor in the course is copyright protected. The material presented by the instructor may not be modified or altered in any way. You have permission to print out one copy of any material presented by the instructor in this course (ex. course information sheet, contact information, and any lecture materials). The one copy must only be used for your personal educational use during this semester. The material may not be altered or modified in any way. The material may not be distributed in any way. You have permission to download the same material to your computer hard drive or other medium in order to print out the material needed. Any material downloaded may not be altered or modified in any way. The downloaded material may not be distributed in any way. If any course material is found on other websites, this becomes an act of academic misconduct and will be dealt with appropriately following the guidelines of the college concerning academic integrity.

Lab Safety:

- Each student will be informed and trained on the Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP) for Laboratories at South Plains College during the first weeks of the semester. Each student will be required to (1) acknowledge receipt of this information and (2) to follow all procedures outlined by the instructor and/or staff of South Plains College. Students not complying with any regulation may be removed from the course.

A&S Standard SPC Policy Statements

- Students may access standard SPC policy statements regarding Intellectual Exchange, Disabilities, Non-Discrimination, Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations , Campus Assessment, Response, and Evaluation (CARE) Team, Campus Concealed Carry, COVID-19, Artificial Intelligence here: <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/syllabusstatements/>
- Please be aware that these statements will govern the course and students are responsible for being aware of these policies and abiding by them as we move through this semester.