

Natural Resources Measurement and Inventory
NRM 340 – 3 credits
Fall Semester 2005

Course Information

Nqecvkap: 359 O'Neill

Oggvki 'Vko g: Lecture - WF 10:30-11:30; Lab - F 2:00-5:00

Rt gt gs wukvgr: Junior class standing or permission of the instructor.

Instructor

Dr. Scott Rupp, 368 O'Neill; x7535; ffsr@uaf.edu; office hrs WF 11:30-12:30 or by appointment

Course Materials

Vgzvldqqm There is NO required text for this course. Course material will be provided as handouts in class, links on the web, and/or on reserve in the library.

Y gdvkg: <http://www.faculty.uaf.edu/ffsr/Classes/nrm340.html>

Course Description

This course is intended to familiarize students with terminology, tools, and techniques used in measuring and taking inventory of natural resources including land, timber and vegetation, and wildlife resources. The course has been designed to develop basic inventory field skills and student appreciation for the relationship between field measurements and resource management problem solving.

The lecture component of this course will focus on the theory and application of inventory techniques to assess natural resource availability and condition, and develop an understanding of their use to meet management objectives. The course will focus on the measurement and inventory of timber and associated vegetation, but will also introduce students to other resource inventory methods and techniques.

The lab component of this course will focus on traditional and state-of-the art equipment and methods used for inventory of timber and vegetation. In addition the students will learn how to utilize and synthesize measurement and inventory data to solve natural resource management problems.

Course Goals/Learning Objectives

Learn how to measure various tree characteristics

Learn how to use maps

Learn how to use a compass and GPS

Learn how to calculate tree volume, biomass and fuel loadings

Provide introduction/overview of statistical and sampling theory

Learn how to conduct basic forest inventories

Provide introduction/overview of wildlife sampling theory

Learn how to sample vegetation characteristics including diversity measures

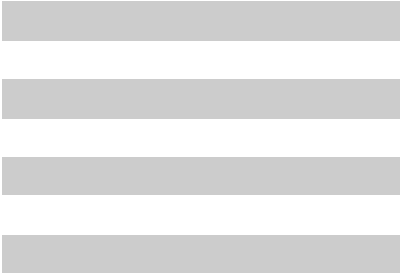
Learn how to use spreadsheets

Learn how to calculate and project tree growth

Instructional Methods

The lab component of this course is best thought of as a block of time available, as needed, for demonstrations, fieldwork, guest speakers, student activities, problem solving, or lecture. If the lab session is used by the instructor for lecture, no longer than 1.5 hours will be involved.

Most labs and several lecture periods will be conducted outside regardless of weather conditions (within reason). Please be prepared for rain, snow,



Course Policies

The student is responsible for all material distributed and presented in lectures and laboratory. Lecture attendance is very important. You will not score well on homework assignments or exams unless you consistently attend lectures. Laboratory attendance is MANDATORY; please plan on attending each laboratory session.

Grading Policy

The grade received in this course will be based upon performance on exams, quizzes, homework and lab assignments, and attendance. The following weighting scale will apply:

Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	25%
Homework	15%
<u>Lab Assignments</u>	<u>35%</u>
Total	100%

The following grading scale will apply:

A - 91 to 100
B - 81 to 90
C - 71 to 80
D - 61 to 70
F - \leq 60

The instructor reserves the right to modify the final grade in consideration of notable progress demonstrated by an individual, or unforeseen and extenuating circumstances. In such cases, extra credit assignments and/or makeup work may be used at the discretion of the instructor. Homework and lab assignments handed in after the due dates will receive reduced credit.

Students are expected to read, understand, and adhere to the academic honor code detailed in the UAF Catalog.

Disabilities Services

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