

**NRES 250 – INTRODUCTION TO FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE
LABORATORY– SECTION #2
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Classroom: Online – via Course Canvas page: <https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/375033>

Lab: Online

Dates	Weekly Topic
Jan. 27 th	No Scheduled Lab This Week
Feb 3 rd	Rectangular Land Survey and Map Reading
Feb. 10 th	Scientific Writing
Feb. 17 th	Fish and Wildlife Population Estimation
Feb. 24 th	The Scientific Method - Testing Hypotheses
Mar. 3 rd	Work on Laboratory Report – Dr. VanDeHey available by Zoom
Mar. 10 th	Distance and Direction Using Compass and Pacing
Mar. 17 th	MIDTERM LAB EXAM
Mar. 24 th	No Lab – Spring Break
Mar. 31 st	Comparing GPS to Compass and Pace
Apr. 7 th	Tree Identification
Apr. 14 th	Timber Resource Measurements
Apr. 21 st	Timber Cruising
Apr. 28 th	Measuring Snags and Coarse Woody Habitat
May 5 th	Forest Succession
May 12 th	LAB FINAL EXAM

Grading

The laboratory component represents 40% of your overall grade in NRES 250. The laboratory component consists of two lab exams (not cumulative), three lab assignments, one lab report, and five lab quizzes. All quizzes and exams will be administered online using Canvas. All quizzes are due by 11:59 PM the Monday before lab (the lab following the week we cover the material).

Important Dates to Remember

Feb. 9 th	Quiz – Rectangular Land Survey
Feb. 16 th	Quiz – Scientific Writing
Feb. 22 nd	Quiz – Mark-recapture population estimation
Mar. 10 th	Lab Report Due – Sampling Fish and Wildlife Populations
Mar. 17 th	Lab Mid-term Exam
Apr. 7 th	Assignment Due – GPS vs. Compass and Pace
Apr. 13 th	Quiz – Tree Identification
Apr. 20 th	Quiz – Timber Resource Measurement
Apr. 28 th	Assignment Due – Timber Cruise Course Report
May 5 th	Assignment Due – Snags and Course Woody Habitat
May 12 th	Final Lab Exam

Lab Report: The reporting format for this assignment can be found on the Course Canvas website. You will be expected to follow these guidelines and prepare your reports accordingly. All lab assignments must be typed and turned in to Canvas on the assigned due date. *There will be up to a 5 percent deduction each day for assignments that are turned in late.*

Exams and Quizzes: Completion of all assignments is your responsibility! Failure to watch the lab videos, review the power point and lab manual materials will not help you be successful in this course. Failure to take assigned exams or quizzes will result in an automatic incomplete for that assignment. If you miss an exam or quiz and would like to take a make-up then you will need to provide me with a valid reason, such as a doctor's note to verify an illness, before you will be allowed to take a make-up exam or quiz. If you do not make arrangements with me to take a make-up quiz or exam in a timely manner you will receive an automatic “0” for that assignment. PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH ME!

Copyright and File Sharing: Posting instructor-created course material onto course-sharing websites directly violates the instructor’s copyright on his academic materials. These materials are provided for your convenience as an aid to learning. Permission to post instructor-created material on any such site is unequivocally denied.

Lecture Reviews: Your weekly labs are designed to apply and bring to reality the topics covered in lecture. We will not specifically review lecture topics in the lab. However, you are welcome to ask questions during lab on topics related to lecture.

Class attendance policy: This lab section is entirely online. Watching the videos and reviewing all materials is the student's responsibility. Hopefully, your attendance will be motivated by your desire to learn. Attendance, per se, will not be considered as a factor in your final grade for the course.

COVID – 19 Guidelines

Face Coverings: • At all UW-Stevens Point campus locations, the wearing of face coverings is mandatory in all buildings, including classrooms, laboratories, studios, and other instructional spaces. Any student with a condition that impacts their use of a face covering should contact the Disability and Assistive Technology Center to discuss accommodations in classes. Please note that unless everyone is wearing a face covering, in-person classes cannot take place. This is university policy and not up to the discretion of individual instructors. Failure to adhere to this requirement could result in formal withdrawal from the course.

Other Guidance: • Please monitor your own health each day using this screening tool. If you are not feeling well or believe you have been exposed to COVID-19, do not come to class; email your instructor and contact Student Health Service (715-346-4646). • As with any type of absence, students are expected to communicate their need to be absent and complete the course requirements as outlined in the syllabus. • Maintain a minimum of 6 feet of physical distance from others whenever possible. • Do not congregate in groups before or after class; stagger your arrival and departure from the classroom, lab, or meeting room. • Wash your hands or use appropriate hand sanitizer regularly and avoid touching your face. • Please maintain these same healthy practices outside the classroom

The University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point College of Natural Resources Principles of Professionalism

Integrity – Integrity refers to adherence to consistent moral and ethical principles. A person with integrity is honest and treats others fairly.

Collegiality – Collegiality is a cooperative relationship. By being collegial you are respecting our shared commitment to student education through cooperative interaction. This applies to all involved in the process: students, staff, faculty, administration and involved community members. You take collective responsibility for the work performed together, helping the group attain its goals.

Civility – Civility refers to politeness and courtesy in your interactions with others. Being civil requires that you consider the thoughts and conclusions of others and engage in thoughtful, constructive discussion to express your own thoughts and opinions.

Inclusivity – Inclusivity requires you to be aware that perspective and culture will control how communication is understood by others. While many values are shared, some are quite different. These differences in values should be both considered and respected.

Timeliness – Timeliness is the habit of performance of tasks and activities, planned in a way that allows you to meet deadlines. This increases workplace efficiency and demonstrates respect for others' time.

Respect for Property – Respect for property is the appreciation of the economic or personal value an item maintains. Maintaining this respect can both reduce costs (increase the operable life of supplies and equipment) as well as demonstrate respect for others rights.

Communication – Professional norms in communication require that you demonstrate the value of your colleagues, students, professors or others. The use of appropriate tone and vocabulary is expected across all forms of communication, whether that communication takes place face to face, in writing or electronically.

Commitment to Quality – Quality is the ability to meet or exceed expectations. By having a commitment to quality, we intend to provide a learning environment that is conducive to learning. Intrinsic to this commitment to quality is defining expectation (committed to in a syllabus through learning outcomes), implementation (with quality control in place) and assessment (where meeting of learning outcomes is determined).

Commitment to Learning – Learning is a lifelong process. By being committed to learning you are providing a model for all to follow. This model is not only professor to student but involves all combinations of people within our university and broader community.

Important Links and Information

UWSP Community Bill of Rights and Responsibilities

UW-Stevens Point values a safe, honest, respectful, and inviting learning environment. In order to ensure that each student has the opportunity to succeed, we have developed a set of expectations for all students and instructors. This set of expectations is known as the *Rights and Responsibilities* document, and it is intended to help establish a positive living and learning environment at UWSP. For more information visit:

<http://www.uwsp.edu/stuaffairs/Pages/rightsandresponsibilities.aspx>

Academic integrity is central to the mission of higher education in general and UWSP in particular. Academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, etc.) is taken very seriously. Don't do it! The minimum penalty for a violation of academic integrity is a failure (zero) for the assignment. For more information, see the UWSP "Student Academic Standards and Disciplinary Procedures" section of the *Rights and Responsibilities* document, Chapter 14, which can be accessed here:

<http://www.uwsp.edu/stuaffairs/Documents/RightsRespons/SRR-2010/rightsChap14.pdf>

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal law requiring educational institutions to provide reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. For more information about UWSP's policies, check here:

<http://www.uwsp.edu/stuaffairs/Documents/RightsRespons/ADA/rightsADAPolicyInfo.pdf>

If you have a disability and require classroom and/or exam accommodations, please register with the Disability and Assistive Technology Center and then contact me at the beginning of the course. I am happy to help in any way that I can. For more information, please visit the Disability and Assistive Technology Center, located on the 6th floor of the Learning Resource Center (the Library). You can also find more information here:

<http://www4.uwsp.edu/special/disability/>