

Laboratory for Introduction to Soil & Water Resources

Course: NRES 251 – Sections 3 and 4, Spring 2020

Laboratory: Section 3: Tuesday, 12:00-1:50, TNR 262

Section 4: Wednesday, 12:00-1:50, TNR 262

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Office hours: Wednesday, 9:00-11:00; by appointment (e-mail first); or if door is open

Goal: My overall goal is for students to learn why soil and water resources are so important, and also basic techniques used in these fields.

Communication: Students are expected to routinely check their UWSP e-mail and Canvas course site for updates and materials.

Manual: Each student should read weekly lab materials before lab, and bring their manual to lab every week.

Lab Homework: Weekly (14) homework assignments relating to lab exercises will be provided (NOT in the lab manual). Each assignment is 10 points and due by the following lab. I will drop the lowest two scores, resulting in a total of 120 points.

Due Dates / Late Policy: Assignments should be turned in at the start of lab. *All assignments will be deducted 2 points for each day late*, so please turn in a timely manner to avoid point reductions or a score of zero.

Lab Exams: Two 40 point laboratory exams (80 total points) covering half of the lab material will be given at the middle and end of the semester during regularly scheduled lab periods. Each exam must be taken at the scheduled time or a score of zero will be assigned. Illness or a family emergency may be cause for rescheduling an exam, but only with prior notification (e-mail and voicemail have date and time stamps).

Lab Attendance: Attendance is mandatory, missing labs may result in partial or complete loss of points. There are no scheduled makeup labs. If you cannot attend your lab session, you may arrange to attend another lab session with permission of both lab instructors, but you are responsible for completing and turning in any assignments to me by due dates for your lab section.

Field Trips: Please be on time (preferably early) for all labs, especially field trips as we will be on a tight schedule. Please dress accordingly for field trips, such as warm clothes! I will need a few students to assist with driving (must go through University procedure). Please be respectful to myself and all drivers.

Academic Integrity: I expect all students to strictly adhere to the high level of conduct and academic integrity at UWSP. All forms of plagiarism, cheating, and academic dishonesty are prohibited; violations will follow UWSP procedures. I reserve the right to use plagiarism software on assignments. The minimum penalty for a violation of academic integrity is failure (score of zero) of the assignment, but penalties can be stricter. For more information, please see the UWSP “Student Academic Standards and Disciplinary Procedures” section of the *Rights and Responsibilities*, Chapter 14:

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

Disability Policy: If you are a student with disabilities, please contact me at the beginning of the semester. We will work together to accommodate any disabilities according to UWSP policies and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a federal law requiring educational institutions to provide reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. Students must register with UWSP Disability and Assistive Technology Center and provide proper documentation. For more information, please visit the links below and the Disability and Assistive Technology Center, located on the 6th floor of the Learning Resource Center (the Library).

<http://www4.uwsp.edu/special/disability/>
<http://www.uwsp.edu/stuaffairs/Documents/RightsRespons/ADA/rightsADAPolicyInfo.pdf>

Safety Procedures: *Medical emergency:* call 911 or use the hallway red emergency phone, offer assistance if trained and willing, guide emergency responders to victim. *Tornado warning:* remain in TNR 262 until advised otherwise. *Fire alarm:* calmly evacuate building, meet in courtyard near library stairs, notify me or emergency command personnel of any missing individuals. *Active shooter:* Run/Escape, Hide, Fight. If trapped hide, lock doors, turn off lights, spread out and remain quiet. Follow instructions of emergency responders. Additional details and information:

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