

**Natural Resources 483/683**  
**Professional Development in Natural Resource Management**

1 credit, Spring 2019

Meetings in-person Fridays 9am-10am TNR 271  
(Includes 1 field trip)

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**Course Description:**

This course focuses specifically on you and your career in by examining your personal, academic and professional abilities, knowledge, skills, experience, interests, and philosophies related to natural resource management. You will be developing a professional portfolio (website), designing your resume, and gaining interviewing and other experience specific to your needs and interests. One field learning experience will be scheduled during the semester.

**Learning Outcomes:**

- Students will be able to synthesize and illustrate their academic and work experience in the form of a professional portfolio (website) and resume.
- Students will be able to practice skills pertinent to the profession of Natural Resource Management.
- Students will expand their networks with professionals in the field.
- Students will hone their professional expectations and desires and identify the skills and experiences needed to achieve those expectations.

**General Requirements**

- Design a professional portfolio website
- Develop job application materials
- Participate in mock interviews
- Participate in a networking opportunity
- Interview a professional in the field and extrapolate connections to your professional goals

## Assignment Details

### Professional Materials

- Develop a Cover Letter (20 points)
- Develop a resume (40 points)
- Website Development (100 points)

Include the following items in your professional website using Wix:

- About Me page
  - Contact Me page
  - Education Page
  - Experience Page
- Template is worth 10 points

Your website must have:

- Images of you
- Video of you
- Evidence of professional affiliations, licenses or certifications
- Evidence of specific skills (e.g., public speaking, leadership, writing)
- Work samples (e.g., class projects, posters, fliers, items produced during internship or co-op experiences)
- Statement of teaching philosophy
- Teaching honors/awards
- Evaluations (e.g., supervisor, student)

### Professional Preparation

- Participate in a practice mock Big Interview (10 points)
- Participate in a mock Big Interview (30 points)
- Reading Discussion (20 points)

### Professional Development Experiences

- Attend a professional workshop (50 points)
- Compose a paper after interviewing a professional in the field (30 points)

### Grading

The final grade for the course will be determined by the total number of points earned through assignments and participation divided by the total points possible. The grading scale will be as follows:

Percentage	Grade	Percentage	Grade
100-93	A	73-76	C
90-92	A-	70-72	C-
87-89	B+	67-69	D+
83-86	B	63-66	D
80-82	B-	<63	F
77-79	C+		

**Schedule:**

- Week 1: 1.22.19 at CWES
  - Syllabus Review, Websites, Big Interview Practice
- Week 2: 2.1.19 Group A meeting
  - Profile Statements
- Week 3: 2.8.19 Group B meeting
  - Profile Statements
  - Big Interview #1 Due
- Week 4: 2.15.19 All Class meeting
  - Resumes
  - Profile Statement Due
- Week 5: 2.22.19 No Class
  - Website Template Due
- Week 6: 3.1.19 All Class meeting
  - Reading Discussion
  - Big Interview #2 Due
- Week 7: 3.8.19 Group A meeting
  - Resume workshop
- Week 8: 3.15.19 Group B meeting
  - Resume Workshop
- Spring Break
- Week 9: 3.29.19 All Class meeting
  - Cover Letters
  - Resumes Due
- Week 10: 4.5.19 Group A meeting
  - Cover Letter Workshop
- Week 11: 4.12.19 All Class meeting
  - Guest Speaker
- Week 12: 4.19.19 Group B meeting
  - Cover Letter Workshop
  - Interview Paper Due
- Week 13: 4.26.19 Scheduled individual meeting either 4.26.19 or 5.10.19
  - Cover Letters Due
- Week 14: 5.3.19 No Class Candlelight Hike
- Week: 15 5.10.19 Scheduled individual meeting either 4.26.19 or 5.10.19
  - Websites Due

**Group A:**

Tony Abel  
Jadyn Young  
Cat Cesar  
Julie Dickson  
Rachel Loomis  
Alexandria Fredrich  
Logan Kocka  
Matt Wolf

**Group B:**

Emma Adams  
Alex Young  
Kelli Johnson  
Carole Cole  
Danielle Matheny  
Megan Frame  
Nicole Loeffler  
Darcy Lilla  
Larry Price