

WLDL 100 – Wildlife Profession and Preparation

Spring Semester 2020

Tuesday, 4:00-4:50 PM, Trainer Natural Resources Building (TNR), Room 170

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Learning Outcomes

After completing this course students will be able to:

- 1) Competently and completely plan their academic program for the wildlife major;
- 2) Articulate what wildlife ecologists do for a living;
- 3) Make an intelligent and informed career choice with respect to options in the wildlife field; and
- 4) Locate and effectively use resources to aid them in finding permanent and/or temporary jobs in wildlife.

Grading

The course is graded as pass/fail. You must obtain a minimum score of 70% on all assignments to pass the class. Percentage points will be deducted for missing class. Each missed class will result in 5 percentage points being deducted from your overall grade. ***However, missing more than three classes will result in an automatic fail.*** Excused absences are possible under special conditions or serious documented illness. Excused absences **MUST** be cleared ***in advance*** by contacting one of the course instructors. A roll sheet will be passed around in each class session. ***It is your responsibility to sign in during every class period.*** Failure to sign in will result in an absence being recorded.

You must complete three homework assignments during the semester worth a total of 150 points. Assignments must be turned in by the due date. A penalty of 10 percentage point per day will apply to all late assignments.

You are expected to do your own work on all assignments. Plagiarized assignments indicate a lack of integrity not consistent with the wildlife profession and will be dealt with according to UWSP's Academic Misconduct Guidelines.

Tentative Timetable

Date	Topic	Instructor
Jan. 21	Introduction, objectives, assignments, Homework 1	Dr. Riddle
Jan. 28	What is Wildlife Management? A historical perspective	Dr. Hygnstrom
Feb. 4	Wildlife Management Case Study # 1, Homework 2	Dr. Sedinger
Feb. 11	Careers in Wildlife	Dr. Dubay
Feb. 18	Guest lecture – Working at WDNR	Kay Brockman-Mederas
Feb. 25	Issues in Wildlife Management	Dr. Perkins
Mar. 3	Advising, curriculum options, academics, planning, Homework 3	Dr. Sartini
Mar. 10	Guest Lecture – Working for the Feds	Dr. Brad Strobel, USFWS
Mar. 17	Spring Break	
Mar. 24	Guest Lecture – Working for Non-Government Organizations	Dr. Barry Hartup
March 31	Wildlife Society	Dr. Riddle
April 7	Extension, Human-Wildlife Conflicts, and the Wisconsin Center for Wildlife	Dr. Hygnstrom
April 14	Wildlife Management Case Study # 2	Dr. Perkins
April 21	Human Dimensions of Wildlife Management	Dr. Sartini
April 28	Professionalism	Dr. Riddle
May 5	Graduate School	All

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

Brief descriptions of the three required assignments are given below. More detailed information will be given out in class and posted to Canvas at the appropriate times.

REQUIRED ASSIGNMENT 1: Attend 1 student chapter of The Wildlife Society meeting and 1 Wildlife Seminar (50 points).

Professional involvement is a critical component of being a successful wildlifer. Wildlife Society meetings are typically Tuesdays at 5 PM in TNR 170. Wildlife Seminars occur on select Thursdays from 4:00-5:00pm in TNR 170. A detailed schedule of seminars will be provided when it is finalized. Upload your responses to the Canvas dropbox for this assignment.

Assignment given out January 21, due April 21. This assignment is graded by Dr. Riddle.

REQUIRED ASSIGNMENT 2: Research summer job and internship opportunities (50 points)

Obtaining field experience is a very important step in your professional development. In this assignment you will search for three summer job opportunities and write descriptions of the jobs, any requirements, and application procedures. **Assignment given out Feb. 11, and hard copies of the assignment due Feb. 25. This assignment is graded by Dr. Dubay.**

REQUIRED ASSIGNMENT 3: Prepare a 4-year degree plan through graduation (2-year for transfer students) (50 points).

This assignment is designed to assist you in getting through your program in the most efficient way possible. This requires thought and foresight. Choosing your schedule each semester without thought for the future is a sure way to extend your stay and cost you thousands of additional dollars. Upload your submission to the Canvas dropbox for this assignment.

Assignment given out March 3 and will be due April 7. This assignment is graded by Dr. Sartini.