

WLDL 100 – Wildlife Profession and Preparation

Spring Semester 2021

Tuesday, 4:00-4:50 PM via ZOOM

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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 an average score of at least 70% on attendance quizzes AND on the 3 core assignments to pass the class. Attendance quizzes must be completed within 1 week of the lecture for which the quiz was created. The 3 core assignments are worth a total of 150 points. These assignments must be turned in by the due date. A penalty of 10 percentage points 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. 26	Introduction, objectives, assignments, Homework 1	Dr. Riddle
Feb. 2	What is Wildlife Management? A historical perspective	Dr. Hygnstrom
Feb. 9	Careers in Wildlife, Homework 2	Dr. Dubay

Feb. 16	Guest lecture – Working at WDNR	Kay Brockman-Mederas
Feb. 23	Special Topics in Wildlife # 1	Dr. Riddle
Mar. 2	Advising, curriculum options, academics, planning, Homework 3	Dr. Sartini
Mar. 9	Guest Lecture – Working for the Feds	Dr. Brad Strobel, USFWS
Mar. 16	Wildlife Society	Dr. Riddle
Mar. 23	Spring Break	
Mar. 30	Diversity and Inclusivity	Dr. Yahnke
Apr. 6	Extension, Human-Wildlife Conflicts, and the Wisconsin Center for Wildlife	Dr. Hygnstrom
Apr. 13	Guest Lecture – Working for Non-Government Organizations	Dr. Barry Hartup
Apr. 20	Special Topics in Wildlife # 2	Dr. Sedinger
Apr. 27	Special Topics in Wildlife # 3	Dr. Perkins
May 4	Professionalism	Dr. Riddle
May 11	Graduate School	All

CORE 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 via Zoom. Wildlife Seminars occur on select Thursdays from 4:00-5:00pm via Zoom. 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 26, due April 20. 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. 9, and hard copies of the assignment due Feb. 23. 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 2 and will be due April 6. This assignment is graded by Dr. Sartini.