

**WILDLIFE 322 – TECHNIQUES OF CAPTIVE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
SYLLABUS -- SPRING SEMESTER 2023**

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OFFICE HOURS: Tu and Fri 12 - 1 PM or by appointment.

LECTURE: T 10:00-10:50 AM in 354 TNR
You are expected to come to class prepared to discuss assignments and actively participate in discussions. Absences will lower your grade substantially.

LAB: Fr: 9:00 - 10:50 AM in 320 TNR
Time will be devoted to the design of a captive wildlife facility, field trips, guest speakers and your presentations. Attendance is required

OBJECTIVES: Acquaint students with design and administration of facilities for housing captive wildlife and techniques of restraining and handling captive animals.

OUTCOMES: Upon completion of this course, students will be able to: 1) Use scientific knowledge to design captive wildlife facilities, 2) Explain how exhibitry has changed over time to better meet needs of people and animals, 3) Determine how to design captive wildlife facilities to meet the needs of the public, 4) Determine how to design exhibits to meet the needs of animals and increase animal welfare, 5) Work as part of a team to design a captive wildlife facility.

READINGS: Sausman, K. 1982. Zoological park and aquarium fundamentals. American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums, Wheeling, West Virginia, USA.

Hosey, G., V. Melfi, and S. Pankhurst. 2013. Zoo animals, behavior, management, and welfare, 2nd edition. Oxford University Press, Oxford, United Kingdom, 643 pp.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Attendance in lab is required and more than 2 unexcused absences in lab will lower your grade. Lab sessions will consist of lectures, talks by invited wildlife professionals, field trips, and work on facility assignments. Two field trips require more than our 2-hour time allotment on Fridays. You are required to attend field trips and you may be expected to attend occasional lectures presented by visiting professionals outside of the regularly scheduled class meeting time. I will provide compensation time by not meeting for the full time during some other periods. Field trips and speakers will be announced as soon as they are scheduled. Material covered in these trips or by the speakers will be covered on exams. Arrangements to make up exams should be made as soon as possible and are the student's responsibility.

GRADING: **Three exams worth 100 points each, a facility design worth 150 points, and participation in class discussions and presentations worth 50 points.** Exams are short answer and essay format with occasional True/False and matching questions. Students are responsible for material covered in lectures, the field trips and reading assignments.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

DATE	TOPIC	READING (S or H)
Jan 24	Introduction to class and semester project assignment	
Jan 27	Planning, mission statement (online lecture)	Pgs 37-39 (H), Ch 1,17 (S)
Jan 31	Zoological Association of America guidelines, meet groups	
Feb 3	Start mission, organize groups, ZAA guidelines	1 copy per group
Feb 7	General facility design	Pgs 163-173, (H), Chapter 4 (S)
Feb 10	Species Dossiers, group work	Pgs 160-163,189-194,244-249 (H)
Feb 14	People management	Pgs 461-465 (H)
Feb 17	Falconry presentation – Mr. Joe Krumrie	
Feb 21	People management, human-animal interactions	
Feb 24	Exam I	
Feb 28	Evolution of exhibitry	Pgs 13-34, 173-177 (H)
Mar 3	Exhibit signage, education	Pgs 468-474 (H), Chapter 15 (S)
Mar 7	Herpetofauna husbandry	Chapters 9, 26 (S), guidelines
Mar 10	WDNR pheasant production program (Speakers: Mr. Patrick Raab and Mr. Greg Haak, DNR).	
Mar 14	Fish and other aquatics	Chapters 10, 11, 27, 28 (S), guidelines
Mar 17	No class- work on your own	
Mar 20-24	No class – Spring Break	
Mar 28	Restraint and handling	Pgs 421-423 (H), Several taxonomic chapters (S)
Mar 31	Exam II through March 24	
Apr 4	Barriers	Pgs 180-189 (H)
Apr 7	Barriers continued	Pgs 180-189 (H)
Apr 11	Human-animal interactions	Chapter 13 (H)
Apr 14	Final group work meeting – work on your own	
Apr 18	Avian husbandry and incubation	Chapters 8, 25 (S), guidelines
Apr 21	Research in captive settings	Pgs 496-514 (H)
Apr 25	Semester project presentation, materials due to me	
Apr 28	Raptor rehabilitation (Tour REGI, Antigo) 7:45-noon	
May 2	Semester project presentation	
May 5	Captive crane propagation (Tour ICF – Host: Kyle Tainter) 7:45-2:30 pm	Pgs 305-315, 340-348 (H), Chapter 14 (S)
May 9	Semester project presentation	
May 12	Semester project presentation	
May 16	Final Examination (portions cumulative)	Tu 2:45-4:45 pm

NOTE: We will be using Canvas for this course. I will add lectures, notes, etc. to this site.