

Dakota College at Bottineau Course Syllabus

Course Prefix/Number/Title: FWLD 260 - Fish and Wildlife Law

Credits: 3

Course Description:

This course introduces students to laws that protect and conserve fish, wildlife, and natural resources including federal and state laws (primarily ND law). Included are other jurisdictional laws, such as tribal laws, and laws concerning border crossings. The course will discuss how laws are created and enforced. The course will also study court cases involving wildlife laws. Instructional methods include lecture, class discussion, and guest speakers.

Pre-/Co-requisites: FWLD 121, FWLD 122 or Instructor Consent

Course Objectives:

- 1) To understand and appreciate why there are laws concerning natural resources.
- 2) To learn the basic concept of how laws are created and enforced.
- 3) To understand the difference between state laws and federal laws.
- 4) To study and discuss state and federal legislation and case law effecting fisheries and wildlife laws.
- 5) To understand the types of jurisdictions and how each has different laws and regulations
- 6) To understand public rights and processes law enforcement uses to uphold those rights.
- 7) To apply laws and procedures to everyday life as a game warden/conservation officer
- 8) To understand a person's rights, procedures for search and seizure, evidence collection, chain of custody, and use of evidence in court.
- 9) To understand each state, federal, and other wildlife enforcement entities and what the differences between them.

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Lecture Schedule: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 A.M. – 11:15 AM

Text Book: *Wildlife Law: A Primer*, Eric T. Freyfogle and Dale D Goble, ISBN-13: 978-1559639767, Island Press

Course Requirements:

The course will consist of approximately 450 points:

Weekly 10 point quiz - 100 points

Reflection Paper - 50 points

Midterm - 100 points

Research Paper - 100 points

Final Exam - 100 points

Points may be subject to change by instructor. Possible Bonus points may be earned.

Final letter grades are assigned based on the following criteria:

A = 89.5 - 100% of the total points

B = 79.5 - <89.5% of the total points

C = 69.5 - <79.5% of the total points

D = 59.5 - <69.5% of the total points

F = <59.5% of the total points

Tentative Course outline:

1. History of fish and wildlife law enforcement
2. How laws are made - state and federal legislation laws and proclamation laws
3. Tribal and sovereign lands
4. Public rights, search and seizure, evidence collection and use in court
5. Federal laws- guest speakers
6. ND state laws
7. Law enforcement tactics and procedures

General Education Goals/Objectives:

This not a general education course.

Relationship to Campus Theme:

This course is designed to assist in the conservation and protection of fish, wildlife and other natural resources through knowledge and awareness of state and federal laws.

Classroom Policies:

The classroom is a learning environment and anything that disrupts the class from learning will not be tolerated. Cell phones, tablets, and computers will only be allowed for taking notes, or research of topics if allowed by instructor. Any disrespecting of classmates, instructor, or guests will not be tolerated.

Student Email Policy:

Dakota College at Bottineau is increasingly dependent upon email as an official form of communication. A student's campus assigned email address will be the only one recognized by the campus for official mailings. The liability for missing or not acting upon important information conveyed via campus email rests with the student.

Academic integrity:

All students are expected to adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity. Dishonesty in the classroom with assignments, quizzes and exams is a serious offense and is subject to disciplinary

action by the instructor and college administration. For more information, refer to the Student Handbook.

Disabilities and Special Needs:

If you have a disability for which you need an accommodation, contact me within the first week of the semester. The Student Success Center provided disability support services and can be contacted by calling (701) 228-5477 or toll-free 1-888-918-5623.