



## Course Syllabus

### **WILD 170: Fish and Wildlife Interest Group**

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#### **Office Hours:**

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Welcome to the Fish and Wildlife Interest Group! This is a one-credit course that will introduce you to the University of Montana, the Wildlife Biology Program, and where we'll explore some current issues in wildlife biology and have some fun. Just like any other course, attendance and assignment completion are required. Grading is pass/fail.

#### **Learning Outcomes for WILD 170:**

- Establish relationships among students majoring in wildlife biology (i.e. build a community within the major)
- Familiarize students with University of Montana academic resources
- Create 4-year degree plans
- Generate excitement for wildlife biology through hands-on, experiential learning opportunities

#### **COURSE SCHEDULE: \*Schedule subject to change**

1	8/26	<u>Introductions and Course Outline</u> - Introduction to the WIG and Missoula Area - Student introductions - Syllabus review
2	9/2	<b><u>Labor Day week - No Class!!</u></b>
3	9/9	<u>Undergrad Planning Spreadsheet, Cyberbear, and Degree Planner Introduction</u> - With Melanie Sourbeer - Meeting out of class: <b>Location TBD</b> <b>Assignment 1: 4-year Course Planner</b>
4	9/16	<u>Wildlife Observation and Note Taking</u> <b>Assignment 2: Journal Exercise</b>
5	9/23	<u>Student Group Presentation(s) &amp; Curry Health</u> - <u>AFS, TWS, BHA, and more</u> - <u>Curry Health</u>
6	9/30	<u>Grad Student Presentations</u> <b>Assignment 2 DUE: Journal Exercise</b>

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7	10/7	<u>Advising with Chad Bishop and Melanie Sourbeer</u> - Planning for spring schedule - Meeting out of class: <b>Location TBD</b> <b>Assignment 1 DUE: 4-year Course Planner</b>
8	10/14	<u>There There Book Discussion / In class Activity</u> - Author Tommy Orange Lecture Monday 10/14 Dennison Theatre, 6:30 pm
9	10/21	<u>Cheryl Minnick – Guest Speaker</u> - Planning for study abroad, internships, and volunteer opportunities
10	10/28	<u>Research Using Electronic Resources</u> -Led by Barry Brown, Science Librarian at M.&M. Mansfield Library -How to use library electronic resources (books, scientific journals, etc.)
11	11/4	-Meets in Student Learning Center, ML283 (not in class) <b>Assignment 3: Library assignment</b>  <u>Necropsy Lecture with Chad Bishop</u> - <b>Meeting out of class: Location TBD</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>11/11</b>	<u>Animal Trapping Techniques</u> FWP – Nick DeCesare / Ben Jimenez - <b><u>No Monday Class (Veterans Day)</u></b>
13	11/18	<u>Resume and Cover Letter Presentation</u> - <b>Assignment 4: Resume</b> <b>Assignment 3 DUE: Library assignment</b>
14	11/25	<b><u>Thanksgiving Break – No Class</u></b>
15	12/2	<u>Wrap-up Discussion</u> - <b>Assignment 4 DUE: Resume</b>

### **STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:**

1. This is a *seminar*; therefore, discussion and class participation will be a large component of the class.
2. Be prepared for class. Use this syllabus as a reference to know what to be prepared for on the proper date.
3. If you are going to be absent, please contact me BEFORE you miss class. I realize that school is not the only aspect of life and that events do come up which require you to miss class. However, if you do not notify me **ahead** of time, then you will lose points.
4. All students must practice academic honesty.

### **GRADING POLICY:**

5 points <b>each</b> day for attendance	= 65 points
30 points for participation	= 30 points
35 points for each assignment	= 140 points
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>= 235 points</b>

**To pass this class you must earn a minimum of 165 points.**

**How you earn points:**

- **Attendance/Participation:** each day you attend class, you get five points. Participating in every class is required for full participation credit. Obviously, if you're not in class, you can't participate.
- **Assignments:** successful completion of the 4 assignments will earn you full assignment credit.

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