

Syllabus
NRM 3201 Wildland Plants
Fall 2015

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Course Description

A study of wildland plants and plant communities, including identification; growth and phenology; forage and browse value; restoration value; and habitat. Offered fall.

Class Meeting Times

Monday 3:00-3:50

Wednesday 3:00-4:50

Learning Objectives

1. Students will be able to identify important wildland plants of Texas and the western U.S.
2. Students will learn applied techniques for unknown plant identification
3. Students will be able to identify uses for different wildland plants

Student Learning Outcomes for the B.S. in Natural Resource Management

1. Students will be able to identify species of wildland plants and wildlife common to the western United States and describe their natural history.
2. Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of the elements of an ecosystem.
3. Students will be able to communicate about natural resources and conservation both verbally and in writing.

Books and Materials

Trees and Shrubs of the Trans Pecos

Grasses of the Trans Pecos or Field Guide to Texas Grasses

North American Wildland Plants

Three ring binder with acid free paper (scrap book type that is heavier for mounting plants)

Plant press

Class meetings and Tentative course outline:

Week of:	Lecture	Lab
Aug 22	Introduction and the class requirements	Plant morphology
Aug 29	Plant description exercise	Pollinator Plants
Sep 5	Quiz over Pollinator Plants	Grasses Week 1
Sep 12	Quiz over Grasses Week 1	Pronghorn Plants
Sep 19	Quiz over Pronghorn Plants	Grasses Week 2
Sep 26	Quiz over Grasses Week 2	Plants Important to know
Oct 3	Quiz over Plants Important to know	Review for Midterm
Oct 10	Review for Midterm	Mid Term!
Oct 17	Return and discuss midterm	Grasses Week 3
Oct 24	Quiz on Grasses Week 3	Mule Deer Plants
Oct 31	Quiz on Mule Deer Plants	Bighorn Sheep Plants
Nov 7	Quiz on Bighorn Sheep Plants	Grasses Week 4
Nov 14	Quiz on Grasses Week 4	Quail Plants
Nov 21	Quiz on Quail Plants Plant Notebook Due!!	No lab Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov 28	Review for Final	Review for Final
Dec 7	Final!!	

Class Organization:

1. The SRSU catalog states "The instructor may, at his discretion, drop a student from a course when the student has a total of nine absences. An absence is defined as non-attendance in fifty minutes of class. Non-attendance in a one and one-half hour class will constitute one and one-half absences." Come to class! Attendance and class participation will be considered when assigning a final grade.
2. Cheating on any exam or assignment will result in an F for that material and possible expulsion from the class with a grade of F.

3. Missed exam policy: No make-up exams will be provided for an unexcused missed exam. If you miss an exam without an excused absence, you will receive a score of 0 for that exam. Makeup exams will be available for authorized absences but must be completed within one week of the original exam date.
4. If you miss a lecture, you may obtain notes from a willing classmate. Handouts, and assignments may be obtained from me or on Blackboard
5. It is Sul Ross State University Policy to provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities. If you would like to request such accommodations because of physical, mental, or learning disability, please contact
 Accessibility Services Coordinator
 Counseling and Accessibility Services
 Ferguson Hall Rm. 112
 432-837-8203

Grades

Weekly quizzes	100 points	<u>Grade Assignment:</u> <60 = F, 60-69 = D, 70-79 = C, 80-89 =B, 90-100 = A.
Midterm	100 points	
Plant specimen notebook	200 points	
Final	100 points	