Wildlife Conservation Biology
FW 563 online version

Credit hours: 3  Instructor: Nicole Duplaix

Term offered: Winter term online every year

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Course objectives:
1. Provide a global overview of the expanding field of Conservation Biology
2. Examine the theories behind the main tenants of Conservation Biology
3. Explore the concept of biodiversity from the genetic to the ecosystem level
4. Describe the current methods and techniques of Conservation Biology in a changing world
5. Relate the science of Conservation Biology to the other components of Conservation Management (e.g., economics, philosophy, and global politics)

Topics Covered:
Week 1: Origins and Concepts of Conservation Biology
Week 2: Conservation Planning and Priorities
Week 3: Global Biodiversity Loss
Week 4: Making Reserves Work
Week 5: Conservation Genetics
Week 6: Community Involvement in Conservation
Week 7: Conserving Habitats
Week 8: Climate Change on a Global Scale
Week 9: Policy Making, the International Stage
Week 10: Take Home Messages: Making Conservation Success Stories Happen

Prerequisites: An undergraduate degree in a related field or permission from the instructor; prior coursework or field work in Ecology.


Textbook Information: NOTE: For textbook accuracy, please check the textbook list at the OSU

This course is offered through Oregon State University Extended Campus. For more information, contact:
Web: ecampus.oregonstate.edu  Email: ecampus@oregonstate.edu  Tel: 800-667-1465
Term paper: A term paper on a topic chosen from the list of term paper topics

Online Discussion: weekly topics assigned

Forum: Each student will present an online Powerpoint presentation on a given topic which will be critiqued by the class

Students for whom the course is intended: The course is intended for graduate students in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife interested in a practical and global approach to Conservation Biology. This is a reading-intensive course for students seeking an advanced degree in Wildlife Science. Graduate students in biological sciences or natural resources with an interest in wildlife ecology, global conservation, and management may also wish to apply.

Plagiarism
You are expected to submit your own work in all your assignments, postings to the discussion board, and other communications, and to clearly give credit to the work of others when you use it. Academic dishonesty will result in a grade of “F.” Link to Statement of Expectations for Student Conduct: http://oregonstate.edu/studentconduct/code/index.php.

Students with Disabilities
Accommodations are collaborative efforts between students, faculty and Disability and Access Services (DAS). Students with accommodations approved through DAS are responsible for contacting the faculty member in charge of the course prior to or during the first week of the term to discuss accommodations. Students who believe they are eligible for accommodations but who have not yet obtained approval through DAS should contact DAS immediately at 541-737-4098.

Student Evaluation of Teaching
We encourage you to engage in the course evaluation process each term – online, of course. The evaluation form will be available toward the end of each term, and you will be sent instructions through ONID. You will login to “Student Online Services” to respond to the online questionnaire. The results on the form are anonymous and are not tabulated until after grades are posted.