

Biology 3313WA
Ecological Structure on Northern Environments
Course syllabus

Winter term 2024

TEXTS: Textbooks: There is no assigned textbook.

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LECTURES: MWF – 11:30am – 12:30 pm – RB 3044

EVALUATION: There are no exams in this course. You will be evaluated by short quizzes, class presentations, written assignments, and participation. I expect that the written assignments will be weekly.

GRADES: A+ ≥ 90
A = 80 – 89 (1st class standing)
B = 70 – 79
C = 60 – 69
D = 50 – 59
E = 40 – 49 (failed)
F = 1 – 39 (failed)
F Academic Dishonesty = 0

Withdrawal without academic penalty: 8 March 2024

COURSE POLICIES

Quizzes:

Missed quizzes will receive a grade of zero unless you are absent for a documented valid reason such as a family or medical emergency. If you wish to have a quiz regraded you must submit a written explanation of why you think the assigned grade was incorrect within 2 weeks of return of the quiz.

Note: this does not apply to arithmetic errors such as incorrect addition. You may bring these types of errors to my attention for correction, without a written explanation, at any time.

Written Assignments:

Papers submitted late will be penalized 10% per day except for a documented valid reason such as a family or medical emergency. Papers will not be graded in the absence of a completed and signed form indicating the understanding of plagiarism in its many forms. This will require the completion of an online exercise and quiz relating to plagiarism. Additional direction regarding topics and format will be provided in class.

Academic Dishonesty:

(The following is taken directly from the University website, with minor modification.)

The University takes a most serious view of offences against academic honesty. Penalties for dealing with such offences will be strictly enforced.

The following rules shall govern the treatment of candidates who have been found guilty of attempting to obtain academic credit dishonestly.

(a) The minimum penalty for a candidate found guilty of plagiarism, or of cheating on any part of a course will be a zero for the work concerned.

(b) A candidate found guilty of cheating on a formal examination or a test, or of serious or repeated plagiarism, or of unofficially obtaining a copy of an examination paper before the examination is scheduled to be written, will receive zero for the course and may be expelled from the University.

A copy of the "Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures" may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar.