In this lab/lecture/field course, we explore forest ecology and forest management from a biological perspective. The prerequisite for this course is Biology 213 or 283H or equivalent, or instructor's consent. I assume that you are familiar with concepts such as productivity and energy flow in ecosystems, nutrient cycling, species interactions, are comfortable with basic chemistry terms and concepts, and are willing to think critically and with an open mind about complex issues.

In addition to learning important concepts, we will discuss current issues, we'll get out in the forest to see first-hand examples of things we read about, and we will examine complex questions. You will be required to read, synthesize, analyze, and evaluate. All of this will take time and work.

**Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:**
- Recognize and name at least twenty local tree species by memory
- Use a dichotomous key to identify other woody shrubs or trees native to Oregon
- Explain why forests are found in certain areas, and why conifers are so prevalent in the PNW
- Explain how forest communities have changed over ecological time in response to climate and project how forests might be altered with future climate change
- Explain how trees' internal anatomy is related to their physiological ecology
- Describe how nitrogen and carbon cycle within a forest and identify important fluxes and stores
- Explain the role of seemingly inconsequential organisms including bacteria, fungi, nematodes, and microarthropods.
- Explain the roles of fire, disease, and insects in different forest types
- Explain the similarities and differences in genetic breeding programs in silviculture and agriculture
- Evaluate complex claims about forest management practices and express opinions using credible scientific evidence
- Be comfortable with uncertainty and complexity in answering questions about forest management
- Remain appreciative of the aesthetic values of forests while simultaneously having a better understanding of the biological processes that shape them.

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**Lecture:** Monday and Wednesday: 8:30 to 9:50 AM, room 101 Allen Hall

**Lab:** Tuesday 1 to 4 pm, room 5 Klamath Hall

**Field trips:** You are welcome and encouraged to attend all field trips, but you must attend and write journals for at least two field trips to earn full credit for the field trip portion of the class grade.
- **Saturday April 7**  Introduction to Forests of the western Cascades. Depart at 8:30AM, return ~ 6PM
- **Saturday April 28** Research at H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest. Depart 8:30 AM, return ~ 6PM
- **Saturday May 12** Forest Management on Private Land. Depart 8:30 AM, return ~ 6PM.
- **Tuesday, June 5** Dorena Forest Genetic Resource Center. Depart at 1PM, return ~ 6PM

**Lab Exam:** in lab during week nine of course (May 29)

**Final Exam:** 10:15 am, Monday, June 11 room 101 Allen Hall
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<td>1) Introduction to Forest Biology and Forests of the PNW</td>
<td>Spies &amp; Duncan; Old Growth in a New World, Rapp; Science Update 1, Restoring Complexity</td>
<td>Lab 1: Use of Tree ID keys</td>
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<td>Field Trip, Saturday April 7: West slope Cascade Forests collecting for later labs.</td>
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<td>2) Forest Biogeography and long term ecosystem change</td>
<td>Waring Land of Giant Conifers, Hebda &amp; Whitlock Environmental History</td>
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<td>3) How trees grow</td>
<td>Cook Plant Growth (use as reference material)</td>
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<td>4) How trees get thick and how water moves</td>
<td>Wilson, The Growing Tree (not as long as it seems; use as reference material)</td>
<td>Cascades FT report due April 11</td>
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<td>5) Soil and Water</td>
<td>Zimmerman, Piping Water to the Treetops, Nardi on Soil: pp 1-10; 36-45</td>
<td>Lab 3: Campus Tree Walk to be outdoors; bring Manual of Oregon Trees and Shrubs</td>
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<td>6) Soils and Soil Processes</td>
<td>Nardi: Soil processes pp, 239-251</td>
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<td>8) Nutrient Cycling in Forests and importance of Nitrogen</td>
<td>L. S. Barron Predatory Fungi, Lovett Insect Defoliation and Nitrogen</td>
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<td>9) Decomposition and Soil Organisms</td>
<td>Moldenke: Soil Arthropods, Nardi: Organisms; Composting pp. 22-36; 47-67; 251-256</td>
<td>Lab 5: Microorganisms</td>
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<td>11) Biomass and Productivity</td>
<td>Lehmann and Kleber Contentious Soil Carbon</td>
<td>Lab 6: Soil Fauna Field trip: Saturday May 12 Private land forest management</td>
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<td>14) Forest Diseases</td>
<td>Schowalter et al. Integrating Ecological Roles of Insects, Pathogens, and Mycorrhizae, Betlejewski, Nelson, Shaw (use as reference material)</td>
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<td>8</td>
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<td>15) Forest Insects</td>
<td>Wickman, Fellin, Amman (use as reference material)</td>
<td>Optional - open lab review for lab exam and midterm</td>
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<td>17) Forest Genetics</td>
<td>Friedman Forest Genetics for Ecosystem Management</td>
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<td>18) Landscape Ecology</td>
<td>Rapp; SU 3, Dynamic Landscape Management, Casse Landscape Management using fire regimes, Cornwall Against the Grain (Jerry Franklin)</td>
<td>June 5 Field Trip to USFS Dorena Forest Genetic Resource Center. Replaces lab this week</td>
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**Red = exam or assignment; Green = outdoor activity**

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Assigned reading
(in the order we'll get to them in the class – does not include the excerpts from the Life in the Soil book.)


Steve Cook. 2008. Plant Growth (read for lab, and bring to lab)


McCullough, Patrick. 1998. Mycorrhizae, your silent partner. Western Arborist 24(4)

http://www.wcisa.net/magDetails.asp?MagazineID=8&Detail=1


Use the following 6 as references to help with lecture material. Don’t sweat the details that aren’t stressed in lecture.


Several readings are chapters from Old Growth in a New World, A Pacific Northwest Icon Reexamined. 2009. Island Press

I may adjust reading as we go along

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Grading Criteria and my Grading Philosophy:

If you earn 70% or more of the total possible points, you are guaranteed a C; earn 80% and you receive at least a B-; earn 90% and receive at least an A-. I may lower these cutoffs, but I will not raise them. What does this mean for you? If you do satisfactory work (in my judgment), you earn a C, good work earns a B, and excellent work earns an A. I grade on performance, not on effort, but it is extremely rare that anyone who comes to class regularly, does the reading, and puts a serious effort into studying doesn’t pass with a C or better.

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Classroom Conduct.

I expect everyone to follow University rules and guidelines for behavior. Academic dishonesty, which includes cheating and plagiarism, is a serious offense and will be treated according to the guidelines in the student conduct code (located at uodos.uoregon.edu). This doesn’t mean you shouldn’t talk with other students about what you are thinking or writing; it does mean that when you write something, it should be in your own words, not copied from someone else.

I ask that we all do our best to be intellectually honest while also being tolerant of personal differences. I welcome and encourage intellectual controversy—I think it is essential to real learning. At the same time, I ask that we all respect the rights of others to hold different opinions, even as we challenge the ideas supporting those opinions. I promise to value each of you as individuals; I view the grades you earn to be a reflection of the quality of work you do, but not of you as a person.

Out of respect for other students, and in keeping with departmental policy, you should plan to arrive at class on time and to stay until class is over. If, on occasion, you do arrive late, please be considerate of others and enter quietly at a time and in such a way that you don’t disturb other students. If you need to leave early, please sit near an exit so that you can leave without disrupting the class. I ask that you not interfere with the ability of other students to learn by making noise, texting, checking email, etc. when someone else (instructor or classmate) is talking.

If you have a documented disability and anticipate needing accommodations in this course, please make arrangements with me soon. Crises happen. If you have problems that interfere with your ability to do the work in this class, please let me know promptly. I am willing to make special arrangements when the need is real and when you have done your best to deal with the situation in a timely manner. The University of Oregon Counseling Center, provides students with confidential consultation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. From 8-5 Monday through Friday you will be connected with the front desk, and after hours, the same number connects to their support line. Their number is (541) 346-3227. Students often believe that their issues are not “severe” enough for them to call, but at the Counseling Center, no problem is too small.

I welcome suggestions for ways to improve the class at anytime.
Lab Activities and Field Trips:

Lab activities are an important part of the course. It is not often possible to make-up a lab because they typically require special materials. If you know in advance that you have to miss a lab, contact me to see if you can make other arrangements. You will not turn in formal lab reports for this class, but some notes that you take in lab may be used on a portion of the lab exam.

There are four different field trips offered. You earn three points for attending and up to two points for a report for each trip. It is possible to earn the maximum points by attending any two field trips, but you are encouraged and invited to attend all four. Field trip reports should explain how things we have read about or discussed in lecture are manifested in the field. They should be approximately two pages (typed, double-spaced) and are due in lab the week following the field trip. We will travel in state vans and (unless otherwise instructed) will depart from the parking lot that is immediately behind (north of) the Onyx Bridge entrance to the Science Library. Dress for field conditions: it is usually a good idea to bring several layers of clothes -- more than you think you may need. If it has rained in the past week, be prepared for damp vegetation; umbrellas often work well, but rain coats, rain pants, and rubber boots are a good idea if it is really wet. Bring any food and water you might want. Markets and restrooms are rare to non-existent where we will be on many of our field trips.

Homework and late policies

There are three homework assignments. They are meant to help you study so as to do well on the exams. Do them as you go along, not all at the last minute. Each is worth 6% of your course grade. Late assignments will have ten percent deducted per day late. Homework may not be accepted after the exam, however (as it defeats the purpose).

Exams

Often you will be asked to apply or to synthesize information. This is harder than simply recalling facts. I do not give make-up exams, so note the dates of the exams and don't make plans to be gone on any of those dates. The final exam will be cumulative and is on Monday, June 11, at 10:15AM

How to do well in this course:

- Attend all class functions (lectures, labs, field trip), arrive on time, and participate actively
- Do the assigned reading. You don't have to read it thoroughly in advance, but skim the material so that you know what is there and can go back and read in more depth later.
- Use slides posted to Canvas for studying, but do not use these as a replacement for attending lectures.
- Ask questions.
- Get together with someone else in the class at least once a week to study. Without looking at notes, reconstruct the most important concepts studied in class that week. Then use your notes to fill in the gaps in your understanding.
- Ask yourself how what you are learning matters. If it isn't apparent, then ask. Pay attention to issues in the news that are relevant concepts covered in this course.
- Don't believe everything you hear or read; back up your own opinions with credible evidence and logic.
- Don't miss the forest for the trees; the big picture is essential.
**Safe Ride** is an **assault prevention shuttle** that works to provide free, inclusive, and accessible alternatives to traveling alone at night for **UO students, faculty, and staff.**

We are a schedule-ahead service and riders can (1) call once we open to schedule a ride with a dispatcher or (2) leave a voicemail on the day of their ride request. We do not call riders ahead of time to confirm due to capacity constraints, but riders are always welcome to call us to double-check that their ride was scheduled. We are a feminist, ‘for-the-students/by-the-students’ organization and operate out of the Women’s Center in EMU 12F.

**Operating hours:**

**Spring term**
- Sunday - Thursday | 7p - midnight
- Friday + Saturday | 7p - 2a

**Summer term**
- Sunday - Thursday | 9p - midnight
- Friday + Saturday | 9p - 2a

**Fall/Winter term**
- Sunday - Thursday | 6p - midnight
- Friday + Saturday | 6p - 2a

**Policy and rules:**
1. We are a **schedule-ahead service**, we **do not call ahead**, and we can only wait for riders for 5 minutes at their pick-up time and location.
2. We only give rides to groups of **3 or less** to prioritize groups that are at higher risk.
3. We are a **free service** and do not accept tips.