

WFS 433/533
AMPHIBIAN ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION
Paper Discussion Requirements

General Requirements

One paper discussion (see specific requirements below) lasting between 30 and 40 minutes on a pre-assigned topic in community ecology, landscape ecology, or invasive species ecology (see spread sheet for paper assignments and dates).

Specific Requirements (10% and 5% of final grade for WFS 433 and 533, respectively; 100 points)

- (1) Discussion = 80% (8% WFS 433; 4% WFS 533)
- (2) Other Requirements = 20% (2% WFS 433; 1% WFS 533)
 - a. Delivery, Organization, and Preparation
 - b. Time

Discussion Grading

(1) Components (80 pts)

- Introduce the paper, authors, and authors' backgrounds (5 pts)
- Major motivation of paper (5 pts)
- Relevance to general ecology and amphibian ecology or conservation (10 pts)
- History of the research topic (5 pts)
- Research hypotheses or objectives (5 pts)
- Experimental design, methods, or models and analyses (10 pts)
- Summary and discussion of results (15 pts)
- Future directions for research or conservation (5 pts)
- Lead and facilitate class in discussion (15 pts)
- Discussion supplements (5 pts): e.g., handouts (abstracts, chapter excerpts), websites, additional readings (maximum: 25 pages)

(2) Delivery, Organization, and Preparation (10 pts)

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 - ✓ Difficulty Hearing, Clarity of Message, Subject Mastery, Confidence, Mannerisms
 - ✓ Outline of the discussion with planned activities

(3) Time (10 pts, 30 - 40 minutes)

- Within Range (2 pts deducted per 1-minute interval outside above range)