

FOR 512, WFS 512, AND FWF 612
GRADUATE SEMINAR IN FORESTRY, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
Spring 2008

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Meeting Time & Place: Wed 12:20 – 1:10 p.m., 125 Ellington PSB

Course Goal: To provide an opportunity for forestry, wildlife and fisheries graduate students to practice delivering professional presentations and to increase opportunities for graduate students and faculty to interact.

Expected Outcomes: Students will develop skills in constructing and delivering PowerPoint presentations, and answering questions related to their graduate research and natural resource principles, concepts and issues.

Weights of Academic Assessments:

- Presentation 64%
- Attendance 36% (2.4% per seminar)

Your course grade¹ will be determined using the following scale:

Grade	Final Weighted Percent		Grade	Final Weighted Percent
A	90–100%		B	80–86%
B+	87–89%		C+	77–79%

¹For FWF 612, grades will be assigned according to above. For WFS/FOR 512, a grade of passing will be assigned if the final weighted percent is $\geq 80\%$.

Tentative Schedule:

- 9 Jan = Introduction, Presentation Example: Type I
- 16 Jan = Presentation Examples: Types II and III
- 23 Jan = Faculty Presentation (Dr. Graham Hickling) **students not enrolled start attending****
- 30 Jan = Graduate Student Presentations
- 6 Feb = Graduate Student Presentations
- 13 Feb = Graduate Student Presentations
- 20 Feb = Graduate Student Presentations
- 27 Feb = Graduate Student Presentations
- 5 March = Graduate Student Presentations
- 12 March = Graduate Student Presentations
- 19 March = No class: spring break

Graduate students must sign up for a presentation date by 16 January.

There will be a maximum of 2 graduate students or 1 faculty presenting per seminar.

Tentative Schedule (continued):

26 March = Graduate Student Presentations
2 April = Graduate Student Presentations
9 April = Graduate Student Presentations
16 April = Graduate Student Presentations
23 April = Graduate Student Presentations

Seminar announcements will be emailed to the FWF Graduate Student Listserv (FWFGRADS@LISTSERV.UTK.EDU) and all faculty on the Friday prior to each seminar that has a student or faculty presentation scheduled.
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Presentation Requirements:

A) First Seminar:

- (1) Oral presentation using PowerPoint on your proposed MS or PhD research.
- (2) Required Components: Introduction and Justification for Research, Objectives, and Proposed Methods.
- (3) Your presentation can include preliminary results if you have them and want to share with the group, but it cannot be on your completed thesis research.

B) Second Seminar:

- (1) Oral presentation using PowerPoint on a contemporary natural resource topic (e.g., impacts of global warming on wildlife distributions, efficiency of biofuel production, socioeconomic challenges of controlling invasive species, spread of viral hemorrhagic septicemia virus in U.S. fish populations, the AIC-modeling bandwagon). This presentation should be given in lecture format and handouts (e.g., abstracts from peer-refereed papers, websites) provided.

OR,

- (2) Oral presentation using PowerPoint on results from a side study or a portion of your thesis research that will not be presented during your defense. The required components for this presentation are: Introduction and Justification for Research, Objectives, Methods, Results, Discussion of Possible Mechanisms Influencing Results, and the Applied or Theoretical Implications of Results.

Presentations must be 15-20 minutes. Five minutes will be allowed for questions.
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Additional Changes:

- 1) Seminar will be offered spring and fall semesters. You must enroll in two seminars for graduation.
- 2) Attendance will be required for non-enrolled graduate students when presentations are scheduled unless they are engaged in research off campus and are unable to attend. A record of attendance will be provided to all major professors at the end of the semester.
- 3) One to three faculty per semester will give seminars on their research program.