

# NATURAL RESOURCES (NR)

# Course numbers with the # symbol included (e.g. #400) have not been taught in the last 3 years.

## NR 400 - Professional Perspectives in Natural Resources

**Credits:** 1

Lectures by departmental faculty provide an informal look at the various natural resource disciplines and professions represented by the Department of Natural Resources. These presentations acquaint students with our faculty and inform them of some of the exciting research being undertaken in the department. Students also learn of opportunities for professional involvement. Required for all first-semester Natural Resources majors. Cr/F.

## NR 403 - Introduction to Environmental Science

**Credits:** 4

A multi-disciplinary introduction to Environmental Sciences, presenting basic concepts and controversies in geology, meteorology/hydrology, global biology and biogeochemistry, integrated through the study of the Earth as system. Intended primarily for declared or perspective majors in Environmental Sciences and related programs. Combines lecture and discussion with discovery and presentation experiences to address the history of ideas, and major questions and controversies, both settled and active.

**Attributes:** Inquiry (Discovery)

## NR 415 - Natural Resources Field Methods

**Credits:** 2

This course is intended to serve first or second year students in Forestry, Wildlife and Conservation Biology, and Environmental Conservation and Sustainability. After taking this course, students are able to navigate successfully in wild terrain using pacing, map, compass, GPS; can conduct a simple planar survey including cartography; and can sample a forest in order to characterize the abundance and quality of forest resources. Moreover, students know the fundamental principles of navigation, surveying, and field sampling.

## NR 417 - Sophomore Seminar: Wildlife and Conservation Biology

**Credits:** 2

This course provides a professional foundation and orientation for second-year Wildlife & Conservation Biology (WCB) students. Through readings, seminars, guest speakers, and conservation, students will explore the range of what it means to be a professional Wildlife & Conservation Biologist. After taking this course, students will be better able to navigate and critique the scientific literature, synthesize and communicate information, and understand and articulate the diverse field of Wildlife & Conservation Biology.

## NR 425 - Field Dendrology

**Credits:** 4

Students study forest trees in natural communities and urban settings. Identification and nomenclature of important North American trees and shrubs is emphasized. Environmental factors influencing tree growth, combined with study of disturbance history, provide the context for understanding why tree species grow where they do. Students are introduced to the major forest regions of North America. Restricted to NR majors; others by permission. Special fee.

**Equivalent(s):** EC 410, FOR 425, NR 420

## NR 433 - Wildlife Ecology

**Credits:** 0 or 4

Historical, biological, ecological, and sociological factors influencing the wildlife resource and its management. Concepts in populations, communities, habitat, and contemporary wildlife issues. Special fee. Lab.

**Attributes:** Biological Science(Discovery); Discovery Lab Course

**Equivalent(s):** WILD 433

## NR 435 - Contemporary Conservation Issues and Environmental Awareness

**Credits:** 4

Explores the impacts of technology and human activity on our environment and natural resources. Key conservation issues are used as examples of past and present biological, social, and environmental conflicts.

**Attributes:** Environment,TechSociety(Disc)

**Equivalent(s):** EC 435, NR 435H, NR 435W, NR 535

## NR 435H - Honors/Contemporary Conservation Issues and Environmental Awareness

**Credits:** 4

Explores the impacts of technology and human activity on our environment and natural resources. Key conservation issues are used as examples of past and present biological, social, and environmental conflicts.

**Attributes:** Environment,TechSociety(Disc); Honors course

**Equivalent(s):** NR 435

## NR 437 - Principles of Sustainability

**Credits:** 4

In this course, we investigate the foundational principles of the concept of sustainability. Our objectives include: understanding the many integrated dimensions of sustainability; examining illustrations of unsustainable human-environment relations; recognizing the complexity of sustainability problems and the challenges to finding solutions; comprehending that human-environment relations are a multi-level, complex and dynamic system, and appreciating that the sustainability of ecosystems is necessarily embedded in social, cultural and historical trends.

## NR 439 - Environmental Biology

**Credits:** 4

Environmental biology focuses on the origins, functions, and interactions of populations, communities, species and ecosystems in relation to dynamic environmental processes. The main course objective is to provide a basic understanding of ecosystem function and the ecological, evolutionary, and genetic principles necessary to understand biological diversity and its distribution. Special fee.

## NR #444B - The Real Dirt

**Credits:** 4

Explores sustainable agriculture, regional and local food supply and systems, land ethics and agrarian thought as a natural resource and environmental conservation issue. Focusing on northern and central New England, the course uses the teaching of Aldo Leopold and includes hands-on study of UNH's new initiatives in sustainable and organic agriculture and the on-campus food system. A visit to University farms is included. Writing intensive.

**Attributes:** Environment,TechSociety(Disc); Inquiry (Discovery); Writing Intensive Course

**NR 444E - Eye of Newt and Toe of Frog: The World of Poisonous Animals****Credits:** 4

Course examines a variety of animal poisons and venoms in different contexts. Historical, cultural, physiological, pharmacological, and evolutionary viewpoints are explored. Readings, guest lectures, and peer blog entries are used to refine critical thinking skills and form the basis of in-class discussions.

**Attributes:** Biological Science(Discovery); Inquiry (Discovery)**NR 444F - Does Extinction Matter****Credits:** 4

This course examines the causes and potential consequences of biodiversity loss. By considering ecological, economic, and ethical perspectives students will be asked to develop an informed personal answer to the question Does extinction matter? Development of critical thinking as well as written and oral communication skills will be stressed through a variety of in-class and outside class activities.

**Attributes:** Humanities(Disc); Inquiry (Discovery)**NR 458 - The Science of Where****Credits:** 4

This online course introduces the principles and practices of spatial thinking through lectures, readings, discussions, and hands-on laboratory exercises. Students learn not only to think spatially, but also how to apply this knowledge in their own fields of study.

**Attributes:** Discovery Lab Course; Physical Science(Discovery)**NR 501 - Studio Soils****Credits:** 0 or 4

An overview of physical, chemical, and biological properties of soil. Sub-disciplines of soil chemistry, soil physics, soil microbiology, soil genesis, and classification. Special fee. Lab.

**Equivalent(s):** SOIL 501**NR 502 - Forest Ecosystems and Environmental Change****Credits:** 4

Forest ecosystems cover a large fraction of the Earth's land surface and account for most of its terrestrial biological productivity. This course introduces forest ecosystems around the world and explores both the natural processes that regulate them and the environmental factors that cause change over time. Topics include tree growth strategies, successional change, nutrient cycling, and human-induced stressors such as air pollution and climate change. Special fee.

**Attributes:** Environment,TechSociety(Disc)**Equivalent(s):** FOR 502, NR 502W**NR 504 - Freshwater Resources****Credits:** 0 or 4

Major determinants of freshwater resources including hydrologic cycle and water balance, precipitation, stream-flow measurement, pollution, water supply and sewage treatment, water resource management and regulation. Special fee. Lab/field trips.

**Attributes:** Discovery Lab Course; Physical Science(Discovery)**Equivalent(s):** WARM 504**NR 506 - Forest Entomology****Credits:** 0 or 4

Insects are among the most diverse and abundant organisms on the planet and play a crucial role in forest ecosystems. Insects from the base of the consumer food web in forests and are key drivers of nutrient cycling, pollination, etc. This course surveys common and important insect orders, families, and species found in forest systems and provides the tools for basic identification and biological study of these fascinating creatures. Special fee.

**Equivalent(s):** FOR 506**NR 507 - Introduction to our Energy System and Sustainable Energy****Credits:** 4

This course introduces students to our domestic energy system and the expanding efforts to develop our use and acceptance of sustainable energy. It provides a historical context of our system that explains where we are today in terms of the grid, technologies, energy use and production and energy markets, primarily for electricity and building use. The course examines how our current impedes and enhances opportunities for innovation in renewable technologies and financing.

**Attributes:** Environment,TechSociety(Disc)**NR 508 - Presenting Science to the General Public****Credits:** 4

A study of how to effectively convey scientific concepts, principles and issues to various audiences with an emphasis on oral communication. Accomplished through active student involvement with attention given to critical and creative thinking. Upon successful completion, students will develop a repertoire of verbal and written communication skills to deliver messages successfully in a variety of mediums with attention paid to the nonverbal messages that are part of dialogue, discourse and discussion.

Prereq: ENGL 401.

**NR 527 - Forest Ecology****Credits:** 4

Introduces basic and applied ecology of forests, with emphasis on ecosystem processes, including water, energy, and nutrient cycles; biological interactions, including biodiversity and plant-plant, plant-animal, and plant-microbe relationships; and human impacts, including forest management, land-use/land cover-change, and changes in atmospheric chemistry. Prereq: BIOL 409 or BIOL 411. Restricted to NR majors or by Permission. Special fee. Lab.

**Equivalent(s):** FORT 527**NR 561 - Chemistry of the Environment****Credits:** 4

The course is designed for students who desire a deeper understanding of chemical principles in environmental- and ecology-related disciplines. This course will focus on understanding key principles that underline many of the important chemical processes that influence the functioning and health of environmental systems. These include reaction rates, oxidation-reduction, kinetics and enzyme dynamics, pH and acid-base equilibria, organic transformations, colloids and particulate behavior, and analytical approaches to understanding environmental chemistry. Prereq: CHEM 403, CHEM 405 or CHEM 411.

**NR 600 - Work Experience****Credits:** 0

As part of their degree program, students are expected to engage in a work experience or internship under professional supervision and approved by natural resources faculty. This experience may occur at any time during their sophomore through senior years. Students are responsible for arranging their own experience in consultation with their advisor and NREN faculty members. Permission. Cr/F.

**Equivalent(s):** NR 599

**NR 602 - Natural Resources and Environmental Policy****Credits:** 0 or 4

Contemporary natural resource and environmental policy problems/issues are addressed from a policy sciences perspective with emphasis on domestic policy solutions. Critical assessment of major policy initiatives and their implementation toward sustainable resource use and a healthy environment. Public policies are analyzed to determine the extent to which their implementation strategies have succeeded, and to assess their adequacy within a bioregional or ecosystem approach, and/or capacity to integrate economic and environmental decisions. Cases include national and local policies in their global context. Students apply public policy analysis and decision tools in laboratory sessions. Prereq: junior/senior; Restricted to NR majors or by Permission. Special fee. Writing intensive.

**Attributes:** Writing Intensive Course**Equivalent(s):** EC 702**NR 603 - Landscape Ecology****Credits:** 4

This course focuses on the relationships between scale, spatial patterns and ecological processes. Through lecture, discussion and lab exercises students learn about scale and scaling techniques, the abiotic and biotic processes creating landscape patterns, how landscape patterns are characterized, and the application of landscape ecology theory to contemporary issues in conservation and management. Emphasis placed on landscape perspectives and practices as they relate to understanding and managing populations and communities. Prereq: BIOL 541, NR 527 or permission of instructor.

**NR 606 - International Energy Topics****Credits:** 4

This course introduces students to international energy topics. Students will be exposed to a historical context and current status of several energy-related issues from an international perspective. Topics range from energy poverty, energy and climate change and global fossil fuel subsidies. Studies of specific technologies will be delivered through the context of international leaders, Iceland and geothermal, the UK and offshore wind and solar in Germany.

**NR 615 - Wildlife Habitats****Credits:** 4

Introduces animal-habitat associations, including an examination of spatial and temporal features of wildlife habitat, the evolution of habitat selection, and how habitat suitability/productivity is evaluated. Prereq: woody plant identification; limited to wildlife management majors and minors. Permission. Special fee. Writing intensive.

**Attributes:** Writing Intensive Course**Equivalent(s):** WILD 615**NR 620 - Farm to Table: A Case Study in the Northern Beauce Region of France****Credits:** 4

Course provides students a unique study abroad experience that blends the study of agroecology with an on-farm stay that allows them to see how food moves from the field to table. Students participate in lectures, field trips, readings, and discussions on topics including agricultural sustainability, agriculture and environmental health (soil/water quality, biodiversity), the influence of agriculture on the local ecology, and the relationship between French agriculture and the current local food movement in the U.S. They also get practical, on-farm experience by assisting with the harvest and transport of vegetables and edible flowers for the Paris market. Permission required. Special fee.

**NR 625 - Physiological Ecology****Credits:** 4

Course examines the physiological mechanisms and adaptive responses of organisms that facilitate their survival in changing natural environments. Following an introduction to homeostasis and general physiological principles, topics focus on adaptations to the marine and freshwater environments, to estuarine challenges, and the specific requirements of terrestrial and aerial environments. Additional topics center on adaptations to extreme habitats and to parasitic life styles. Furthermore, the physiological bases of migrations, sleep, and mating/life history strategies are also explored. Examples are drawn from invertebrates, vertebrates, and plants. Prereq: one year college level biology.

**NR 637 - Practicum in Environmental Conservation****Credits:** 4

Independent participation in an environmental conservation activity in the area of the student's specialization. Individual or group projects may be developed under the supervision of any faculty member within or outside natural resources or with supervisors in public and private agencies, upon approval of the course instructor. Research projects not acceptable. Prereq: senior standing in the environmental conservation program. Cr/F.

**Equivalent(s):** EC 637, NR 637H**NR 640 - Wildlife Population Ecology****Credits:** 4

An overview of the mechanisms that influence the characteristics of terrestrial wildlife populations. Lecture covers concepts and theory, with a central focus on population growth, how it is influenced by demographic rates of survival, recruitment, immigration/emigration, with additional consideration given to predation and competition, and how population status is monitored for wildlife, including occupancy, abundance, and viability. Lab provides hands-on exercises, often using computer software, with analysis and interpretation of data from local case studies. Prereq: BIOL 412, BIOL 541 or NR 527.

**NR 642 - Introduction to Biogeography****Credits:** 4

Biogeography is an integrative field of inquiry that unites concepts and information from evolutionary biology, ecology, systematics, geology, and physical geography. Students are introduced to the distribution patterns of wild animals and plants and to the factors that determine these patterns. In this course, the emphasis is on evolutionary aspects of biogeography, biodiversity, and implications for conservation issues.

**NR 643 - Economics of Forestry****Credits:** 4

Intermediate-level analysis of supply and demand for forest-based goods and services, managerial economics, taxation, capital investments. Prereq: EREC 411 or ECON 402.

**Equivalent(s):** FOR 643**NR 650 - Principles of Conservation Biology****Credits:** 4

Examines the major issues relevant to conservation of biodiversity from the genetic to the ecosystem level. In addition to addressing ecological and biological principles, the interdisciplinary nature and challenges of managing for conservation biology, including the role of economic and social factors are examined. Prereq: one semester of biology, botany, or zoology. Special fee.

**Equivalent(s):** EC 502

**NR 655 - Vertebrate Biology****Credits:** 4

Introduces the diversity and evolution of vertebrates. Topics span the morphological, physiological, behavioral, and ecological diversity among the major vertebrate taxa. Labs stress identification of vertebrate taxa based on specimens and morphological structures. Permission. Prereq: BIOL 411 and BIOL 412; or equivalent. Special fee. Lab.

**Equivalent(s):** NR 655H, WILD 655, WILD 655H**NR 658 - Introduction to Geographic Information Systems****Credits:** 4

Introduces the use of geographic information systems (GIS) for natural resources and related fields. Data models/structures, map projections, data input/output/storage, data analysis/modeling, interpolation, and data quality/standards. Hands-on lab using ArcGIS software. Restricted to NR majors or permission. (Also offered as GEOG 658.)

**Equivalent(s):** GEOG 658**NR 660 - Ecology and Biogeography of New Zealand****Credits:** 5

Covers the principles of ecology and biogeography, with a distinct focus on New Zealand. Students investigate the processes that have shaped the New Zealand landmass and its biota. Impact of human settlement on New Zealand's ecosystems is explored in-depth. Methods and techniques of scientific research are incorporated in this course. Field exercises focus on topical case studies in a variety of ecosystems and are designed to strengthen students' conceptual knowledge, enable students to apply this knowledge, as well as develop field skills including classification systems, mapping, habitat assessment, field identification, and sampling techniques. Prereq: junior/senior; permission. Coreq: NR 661, NR 662, and NR 663. Special fee.

**Co-requisite:** INCO 588, NR 661, NR 662, NR 663**Equivalent(s):** EC 660**NR 661 - Restoration Ecology and Ecosystem Management in New Zealand****Credits:** 4

Current restoration projects and strategies for management of natural resources in New Zealand form the framework for this course. Solving problems related to introduced species, changes in habitat, the preservation of ecological processes and watershed management are the major foci of this course. Management of resources for multiple uses, as well as primary and extractive industries is included. Field exercises focus on topical case studies in a variety of terrestrial and coastal-marine ecosystems and include the identification of habitats and communities, stresses on the environment, and risk analysis. Prereq: junior/senior; permission. Coreq: NR 660, NR 662, and NR 663.

**Co-requisite:** NR 660, NR 662, NR 663**Equivalent(s):** EC 661**NR 662 - Environmental Policy, Planning and Sustainability in New Zealand****Credits:** 3

Introduces students to politics in New Zealand. Investigating policy pathways and planning forms part of the curriculum. Students assess scope of legislation, including the Resource Management Act (1991), for the economic and socio-political environment in New Zealand. Government obligations to the Treaty of Waitangi, and customary uses of resources are included as part of this course. Students are exposed to diverse perspectives of local authority planners and policy makers, local iwi (tribes), the Department of Conservation, and community groups. Students examine case studies involving the resource consent process at several levels of decision-making. Case studies provide a comprehensive overview of the interactions between the environment and people and their cultural and socio-economic needs. Prereq: junior/senior; permission. Coreq: NR 660, NR 661, and NR 663.

**Co-requisite:** NR 660, NR 661, NR 663**Equivalent(s):** EC 662**NR 663 - Applied Directed Research in New Zealand****Credits:** 4

Working closely with faculty, student teams investigate selected ecological, resource management or policy issues. All projects have scientific and societal relevance, and contribute to ongoing/existing projects in the region. Students use the scientific method to design and carry out their projects. Development of rigorous field investigations, experimental design, data analysis, and scientific writing are emphasized. Students prepare a research report and present their findings in a seminar that includes stakeholders and people from the local community. Prereq: junior/senior; permission. Coreq: NR 660, NR 661, and NR 662. Writing intensive.

**Co-requisite:** NR 660, NR 661, NR 662**Attributes:** Writing Intensive Course**Equivalent(s):** EC 663**NR 664 - Conservation Genetics****Credits:** 4

Conservation genetics is the application of genetics to preserve species as dynamic entities capable of coping with environmental change. Includes genetic management of small populations, resolution of taxonomic uncertainties, defining management units within species, and the use of molecular genetic analyses to forensics and the understanding of the biology of species. Topics include methods of measuring genetic diversity in populations, identification of the units of biodiversity to which conservation efforts are directed, genetics of population fragmentation, genetic management of wild and captive populations, reintroduction of organisms back into the wild, and the role of forensics in enforcement and development of species recovery plans. Recitation.

**Mutual Exclusion:** No credit for students who have taken GEN 705.**NR #701 - Ecological Sustainability and Values****Credits:** 4

Deeper more fundamental philosophical questions, including spiritual values questions, are being asked concerning the ecological/environmental challenge of our time; its causes and resolution. Aspects of this challenge—environmental education, energy, food, agriculture, and natural resources—analyzed with ethics and values approaches. Students develop ways of responding to problem identification and resolution. Writing intensive.

**Attributes:** Writing Intensive Course**Equivalent(s):** EC 702

**NR 703 - Watershed Water Quality Management****Credits:** 4

Principles of land use as they relate to water quality and quantity. Lectures focus on biogeochemical cycles and the watershed approach to land and water resource management. Labs and field trips focus on methods of water sampling and analysis. One year of chemistry is recommended. Prereq: NR 504 or NR 604 or permission. Special fee. Lab/field trips.

**Equivalent(s):** WARM 703**NR 706 - Soil Ecology****Credits:** 4

Examines the ecological relationships between soil microorganisms and their biotic and abiotic environment, with emphasis on the role of soil microorganisms in biogeochemical cycling. Specific objectives are to examine the biodiversity present in soil systems, factors controlling microbial community composition and diversity, and linkages between soil microbial communities, soil physical properties, and soil organic matter and nutrient cycling dynamics. Prereq: BIOL 412 or BIOL 409, CHEM 403, or equivalent, or permission. Special fee. Lab. Writing intensive.

**Attributes:** Writing Intensive Course**Equivalent(s):** SOIL 706**NR 707 - Environmental Modeling****Credits:** 4

Environmental Modeling introduces students to a range of key mathematical and computer modeling concepts and the ways they can be used to address important scientific questions. The course is divided into four topical sections: Population and Community Ecology, Hydrology, Biogeochemistry, and Ecosystems. In each section, modeling concepts and skills are presented together with environmental information to emphasize the linkage between quantitative methods and relevant scientific results. Prereq: MATH 425.

**NR #711 - Wetland Ecology and Management****Credits:** 4

Analysis of the natural resources of coastal and inland wetlands and environmental problems caused by human use and misuse of these ecosystems. Groups collect field data to summarize the structure and function of four wetland types within a management context. Special fee. Lab. Prereq: BIOL 541, or NR 703, or permission. Writing intensive.

**Attributes:** Writing Intensive Course**Equivalent(s):** FOR 711, FORS 711, WARM 711**NR 712 - Mammalogy****Credits:** 4

Evolution, ecology, behavior, physiology and diversity of mammals. The focus of the course is on conceptual issues, such as the relation of structure, function, physiology and ecology of species; reproductive physiology and life history strategies; and the evolution of mating systems and social structure. Familiarity of mammalian groups to the family level and identification of local fauna to species will be required. Prereq: BIOL 411 and BIOL 412 or equivalent. Lab. (Not offered every year.) Special fee.

**NR 713 - Quantitative Ecology****Credits:** 4

Basic quantitative concepts applied to ecological systems including: population and community dynamics, experimental design, spatial patterns, species abundance and diversity, community organization, metapopulations, and landscapes. Prereq: intro. courses in statistics, and ecology.

**Equivalent(s):** FORS 713**NR #718 - Law of Natural Resources and Environment****Credits:** 3

Federal and state environment statutory and administrative law, its application, strengths and weaknesses, and options for future amendment.

**Equivalent(s):** EC 718**NR 720 - International Environmental Politics and Policies for the 21st Century****Credits:** 4

Students examine policies for managing human activities to sustain the health of regional ecosystems and planetary life-support systems. Selected problems of the international commons (oceans, marine resources, atmosphere, migratory species); global and regional carrying capacity (population, resource consumption), internationally shared ecosystems (transboundary watersheds and waterbodies, tropical forests); and the relevant international institutions and politics for policy formation, conflict resolution, and implementation. Using a policy-analytic framework, students develop case studies to assess international policies and institutional arrangements to achieve the objectives of Agenda 21--Earth Summit Strategy to Save the Planet. Prereq: permission. Writing intensive.

**Attributes:** Writing Intensive Course**Equivalent(s):** EC 720**NR 724 - Resolving Environmental Conflicts****Credits:** 4

Theories and practices of environmental dispute settlement. Roles of public, non-governmental and governmental organizations. Effectiveness of public participation initiatives in influencing public policy decisions and/or resolving environmental conflicts. Alternative approaches to consensus (policy dialogues, joint problem solving; strategic planning; negotiation, mediation) as well as litigation. Specific cases are critiqued and evaluated; conflict resolution skills are developed. Students observe and/or participate in ongoing local decision processes. Prereq: second-semester juniors, seniors; permission. Lab. Special fee. Writing intensive.

**Attributes:** Writing Intensive Course**Equivalent(s):** EC 724**NR 729 - Silviculture****Credits:** 4

The science and art of establishing, growing, and tending forests to meet multiple objectives. Basics of forest stand dynamics applied to the problems of timber management, wildlife habitat, water quality, and carbon sequestration. Prereq: NR 425 and NR 527 or permission. Special fee.

**NR 730 - Terrestrial Ecosystems****Credits:** 4

Processes controlling the energy, water, and nutrient dynamics of terrestrial ecosystems; concepts of study at the ecosystem level, controls on primary production, transpiration, decomposition, herbivory; links to earth-system science, acid deposition, agriculture. Prereq: NR 527 and BIOL 409 or BIOL 411, or permission.

**Equivalent(s):** EOS 730, FOR 730, FORS 730

**NR 734 - Tropical Ecology****Credits:** 4

This course introduces students to the ecology of different tropical ecosystems, and involves students in analyzing and interpreting ecological field data and remotely sensed data. An important emphasis is to understand patterns and processes across scales - from individual plants to ecosystems and landscapes. The course also addresses important global issues in the tropics, including climate change, land use change, diverse ecosystem services, and sustainable resource management. Prereq: NR 527, BIOL 541, or equivalent.

**Equivalent(s):** FOR 734**NR 740 - Inventory and Monitoring of Ecological Communities****Credits:** 4

Provides an introduction to the major concepts associated with monitoring change in ecological communities. Students develop an appreciation for such issues as: identification of appropriate baselines for comparison; use of indicator species; the tools used to inventory common, rare, and secretive species; how trend data are analyzed; and the implications of failing to detect an indicator species. Restricted to senior wildlife majors others by permission. Special fee. Lab.

**Attributes:** Writing Intensive Course**NR 743 - Ecology and Society in a Changing Arctic****Credits:** 4

Students will gain an appreciation for the effect of climate change on ecology and people in the Arctic, which is experiencing rapid climate change. The format of this course is inquiry-based, peer to peer instruction, and self-driven exploration of literature and data. Students will tackle a research project, including in-depth analysis in R, with the aim of contributing new knowledge in the form of a peer-reviewed publication, policy brief, outreach product, or other technical document. Prereq: BIOL 528 or SOC 402 or instructor permission.

**NR 744 - Biogeochemistry****Credits:** 4

Examines the influence of biological and physical processes on elemental cycling and geochemical transformations from the molecular to the global scale, involving microorganisms, higher plants and animals and whole ecosystems; factors that regulate element cycles including soils, climate, disturbance and human activities; interactions among the biosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere, and atmosphere; transformations of C, N, S, and trace elements. Prereq: one semester biology and two semesters of chemistry or permission.

**NR 745 - Forest Management****Credits:** 4

Forest land ownership, management objectives, forest inventory regulation and policy, forest administration, professional responsibilities and opportunities. Restricted to Natural Resources majors. Lab. Special fee.

**Attributes:** Writing Intensive Course**Equivalent(s):** FOR 745**NR 749 - Forest Inventory and Modeling****Credits:** 4

Applied sampling and statistical techniques for assessing current forest conditions and predicting future growth, yield, and structure. Topics include plot and point sampling, ecological inventory, and evaluation of site quality and stand density. Prereq: MATH 420 and BIOL 528. Special fee.

**NR 750 - Sustaining Biological Diversity****Credits:** 4

This course examines the approaches to recover and restore declining populations and at-risk communities. Major concepts addressed include: population viability analysis; use of simulation models to explore conservation alternatives; integrating the political, economic, and social realities that affect natural resource management; the adaptive nature of any restoration of rare organisms and communities; and preparing for the challenges associated with invasive organisms and climate change. Prereq: NR 650 and BIOL 528. Only open to Wildlife & Conservation Biology majors.

**NR 751 - Aquatic Ecosystems****Credits:** 4

Energy flow and nutrient cycling in streams, rivers and lakes, with an emphasis on understanding the control of primary productivity, decomposition and community structure by both hydrologic and biotic drivers. Role of aquatic ecosystems in carbon and nitrogen budgets at watershed, regional, and global scales. Impacts of environmental changes such as global climate change and suburbanization on aquatic ecosystems. Prereq: General Ecology. Lab. Special fee.

**NR 753 - Critical Issues in Sustainability: Sustainability as an Abundance Paradigm****Credits:** 2

After 30 years in common parlance, the success of "Sustainability" still seems far from its goal. In part, this is because sustainability is typically applied as another way to manage scarcity, a paradigm informing economic and social policy for well over a century. Underlying this dominant view of sustainability, an increasing number of approaches to sustainability projects, some of longstanding are entering the mainstream as pieces of an identifiable, and distinctly novel, paradigm based on the assumption of abundance, rather than scarcity. These include ideas of the Natural Step and Natural Capital, as well as Cradle to Cradle and Biomimicry. The goals of this seminar are (1) to survey and discuss this growing literature and its application to the solution of sustainability problems; and (2) research and analysis towards transforming scarcity-based to abundance-based solutions. To be considered as a capstone option for majors in Environmental and Conservation Sustainability, students must also register for NR 754 in the Spring semester.

**NR 754 - Critical Issues in Sustainability: Sense of Place****Credits:** 2

Costa Rica is the happiest country on Earth. Bhutan is a living laboratory for education. Bolivia has a Law of Mother Earth in its constitution. Cities and towns in the US create local solutions to problems of resource sustainability while the national dialogue stagnates. What drives some places to lay the foundations for sustainable futures, while others do not? Sense of Place is a powerful lens through which to view the relative achievements of places and organizations toward creating a sustainable future. The goals of this seminar are (1) to survey the Sense of Place literature and to analyze case studies of the role of Sense of Place in the success of sustainability efforts nationally and internationally; and (2) to research the role of Sense of Place in our local community environment and to relate it to stated goals in existing sustainability plans. To be considered as a capstone option for majors in Environmental and Conservation Sustainability, students must also register for NR 753 in the Fall semester.

**NR 757 - Remote Sensing of the Environment****Credits:** 4

Practical and conceptual presentation of the use of remote sensing and other geospatial technologies for mapping and monitoring the environment. This course begins with the use of aerial photographs (photogrammetry, and photo interpretation) and includes measures of photo scale and area, parallax and stereo viewing, object heights, flight planning, photo geometry, the electromagnetic spectrum, camera systems and vegetation/land cover mapping. The course concludes with an introduction to other geospatial technologies including digital image analysis, global positioning (GPS), and geographic information systems (GIS). Conceptual lectures are augmented with practical homework assignments and hands-on lab exercises. Prereq: algebra. Special fee. Lab. (Also offered as GEOG 757.)

**Equivalent(s):** FOR 757, FORS 757, GEOG 757**NR 759 - Digital Image Processing for Natural Resources****Credits:** 4

Introduces digital remote sensing including multispectral scanners (Landsat and SPOT) radar, and thermal imagery. Hands-on image processing including filtering, image display, ratios, classification, registration, and accuracy assessment. GIS as it applies to image processing. Discussion of practical applications. Use of ERDAS image-processing software. Knowledge of PCs required. Prereq: NR 757 or equivalent and permission. (Also offered as GEOG 759.)

**Equivalent(s):** FOR 759, FORS 759, GEOG 759**NR 760 - Geographic Information Systems in Natural Resources****Credits:** 4

This course in geographic information systems (GIS), covers advanced theory, concepts, and applications of GIS for natural resource and related disciplines. Discussion of database structures, data sources, spatial data manipulation/analysis/modeling, data quality and assessment. Students conduct a project of their design exploring aspects of GIS most useful to them. Lecture emphasizes concepts and applications through a text and selected peer-reviewed articles. Lab uses the latest version of ArcGIS software and provides hands-on experience. Prereq: introductory GIS course. Permission required.

**Equivalent(s):** FOR 760, FORS 760, GEOG 760**NR 761 - Environmental Soil Chemistry****Credits:** 4

Chemical transformations in soils are the basis for soil fertility and plant productivity in natural and managed ecosystems, and also influence key ecosystem processes including soil organic matter turnover and soil-atmosphere exchange of trace gases. This class will explore soil chemistry processes and transformations related to soil nutrient cycling, plant nutrient acquisition, and other critical environmental services. Prereq: a course in soil science or instructor permission.

**NR 765 - Community Ecology****Credits:** 4

Properties of biotic communities, especially biodiversity. Effects of physical stress, disturbance, competition, predation, positive interactions, and dispersal on community properties. Community dynamics, including succession and stability. Prereq: applied biostatistics and general ecology. Lecture and discussion.

**NR 782 - Forest Health in a Changing World****Credits:** 4

Forests cover over 30% of the land surface of the Earth and are incredibly important ecologically, economically, and to the health of the planet. While forests show great capacity to withstand disturbance, these ecosystems are increasingly threatened worldwide by climate change, native and introduced insects and disease, poor management practices, land clearing, drought, fire, and pollution. This course offers an overview of the dominant threats to forests, their causes and consequences, and options for monitoring, management, and mitigation. Special fee.

**NR 784 - Sustainable Living - Global Perspectives****Credits:** 4

The pursuit of sustainable solutions to living in our contemporary world is a global endeavor. In this course, the concept of living sustainably is explored from a broad international perspective. Global scale issues impacting sustainable resource use are considered, including population growth, economic globalization and development, social equity, and cultural values. We will expand our awareness of alternatives to those current practices that impede the sustainability of human societies as part of the earth's natural systems. We will also pursue an understanding of the interrelated socio-economic conditions, combined with social and personal ethics and values necessary to move toward a more sustainable future. And each of us will come to value what sustainable living means for our own lives. Prereq: NR 437 or NR 435.

**Equivalent(s):** EC 784**NR 785 - Systems Thinking for Sustainable Solutions****Credits:** 4

This course applies systems thinking as a problem-solving approach aimed at exploring possibilities for creating a future based on sustainable relationships between healthy human societies and their natural environments. Types of systems and systems tools are utilized to describe human-environment relationships and to emphasize their resiliency or vulnerability to future unsustainable events and/or practices. We explore how systems may be restructured to create more sustainable outcomes. Pre- or Coreq: NR 437 or NR 435.

**Equivalent(s):** EC 785**NR 786 - Leadership for Sustainability****Credits:** 4

In this course we review and evaluate current knowledge and practice regarding the attainment of sustainability in social and environmental relations. We particularly focus on the meaning and qualities of leadership for achieving a sustainable future. Along the way, we also reflect on our own leadership styles and qualities. Topics include the role of leaders and leadership practices in government, business, academia etc; concepts and theories for achieving social change; and case studies exemplifying a range of leaders and approaches toward sustainability. Prereq: NR 437 or NR 435. Writing intensive.

**Attributes:** Writing Intensive Course**NR 787 - Advanced Topics in Sustainable Energy****Credits:** 4

This course engages students in advanced topics in sustainable energy. Course reviews basic structures of our energy system, energy markets and economics, and the environmental, economic and technological of energy landscape. Focus is on electricity and building use with introductions to the transportation system. Students gain the knowledge to evaluate innovations in technology, policy and financing necessary to implement sustainable energy goals from conservation and efficiency to renewables and energy storage. Special fee.

**NR 791 - Preparation for Capstone**

**Credits:** 1

This class will require that students develop a proposal for their senior capstone experience, seek approval for that proposal from a faculty sponsor, and be prepared to complete the capstone senior year. Students will also work on resume development, on writing text introducing themselves to prospective employers, and on interviewing strategies. Cr/F.

**NR 795 - Investigations**

**Credits:** 1-4

Investigations in Natural Resources may include topics in environmental conservation, forestry, soil and watershed management, ecosystems, and wildlife management. Permission required. Special fee on some topics.

**NR 795W - Investigations**

**Credits:** 1-4

Investigations in Natural Resources may include topics in environmental conservation, forestry, soil and watershed management, ecosystems, and wildlife management. Permission required. Writing intensive.

**Attributes:** Writing Intensive Course

**NR 799 - Honors Senior Thesis**

**Credits:** 1-4

Honor/thesis students conduct an independent research project, relevant to the student's area of specialization in the major, under the direction of a faculty sponsor. Students submit a research proposal, write a final report, and provide an oral presentation. One or two semester sequence. Restricted to Senior/Natural Resource Majors. Permission required.

**Attributes:** Honors course; Writing Intensive Course

**Repeat Rule:** May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.

**Equivalent(s):** EC 799, FOR 799, WARM 795, WILD 799