

ANTH/FORS/RLST4270/6270  
 Natural Resources Consortium in Great Smoky Mountains National Park  
 August 1 - 8, 2005

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#### Course description

The field course will introduce students to a variety of on-going and innovative programs within the scope of human – environment relationships, particularly natural resources management and environmental/science education. The course is a 6-day residential experience at the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP) plus two days on the campus of The University of Georgia. Students and faculty from other universities will also be attending the consortium at GSMNP.

#### Required Reading at Beljean (only)

Houk, R. (1993). A Natural History Guide: Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Co.

The Houk text is available only from: Barrett Bain, Bookstore Manager, Wytheville Community College Bookstore, 1000 East Main Street, Wytheville, Virginia 24382. E-mail: [wcbair@wcc.vccs.edu](mailto:wcbair@wcc.vccs.edu). Telephone: 276-223-4781. Fax: 276-223-4852. You will need to order at least 6 weeks in advance of the trip.

#### Course objectives

The course is designed to provide an intensive, on-site exposure to the breadth of human – environment relationships and, in particular, to a variety of factors in natural resources management and environmental/science education. National Park Service professionals, university faculty, and recognized authorities and leaders in the environmental education and natural resources fields will provide instruction. The objectives of the course are:

1. To provide a high quality educational opportunity through on-site visits to GSMNP facilities and programs.
2. To provide a professional, yet informal, social environment for working with students and faculty from other universities.
3. To encourage interaction by placing students into living, study and activity groups.
4. To provide opportunities to identify and solve practical problems in the fields of natural resources management and environmental/science education.
5. To give students the opportunity to interact with leading professionals in the field.

#### Course requirements

1. Participate in all lectures, activities and presentations, service project, and general tasks and duties.
2. Final exam (open-notes) at 9:00 a.m. on August 6, 2005.
3. A group (multi-media) presentation and report (typed, APA style, Times New Roman 12-point font, 5-page limit not including appendices and references) at 8:00 a.m. on August 8, 2005 on UGA campus and should address the following issues:
  - a) Provide a critical evaluation (i.e., brief summary followed by a subjective response) of current NPS natural resource management practices at GSMNP;
  - b) Describe the role of (and need for) environmental education at GSMNP over the next 10-20 years.

Course grading

60 points	Final exam
10 points	On-site student participation (service project, attendance, etc)
30 points	Post-trip evaluation paper and presentation
A	89.5 - 100 points
B	79.5 - 89.4 points
C	69.5 - 79.4 points
D	59.5 - 69.4 points
F	below 59.4 points

The post-trip paper will be penalized by 10% for each day (or part thereof) that it is late.

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

All academic work must meet the standards contained in the University's academic honesty policy (see "A Culture of Honesty"; [www.uga.edu/ovpi](http://www.uga.edu/ovpi)). All students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any academic work. The penalties for academic dishonesty are severe (see "Sanctions for Dishonesty"; [www.uga.edu/ovpi](http://www.uga.edu/ovpi)), and ignorance is not an acceptable defense.

Registration

- Registration will be limited to students on a first-come first-served basis. Registration is secured with:
  - A check (made payable to "RLST4270") for \$300.00 (due on April 20, 2005). The following cancellation policy applies: (a) cancellation of more than two months prior to beginning of the program, 75% will be returned, (b) cancellation of more than one month prior to beginning of the program, 50% will be returned, and (c) cancellation of one month or less prior to beginning of the program, 25% will be returned.
  - Attendance at the mandatory meeting on April 20, 2005 @ 4:30 – 5:30 pm in 1-304 Forest Resources.
  - A completed medical form (due by April 20, 2005).
- The waiting list for students will open up on April 20, 2005 for places available by non-registered students.
- Both 4270 and 6270 require POD. To get cleared to register please contact one of the following:
  - ANTH4270 (call #XXXX) Labau Bryan (542-1479)
  - ANTH 6270 (call #XXXX) Labau Bryan (542-1479)
  - FORS 4270 (call #XXXX) Matthew Head (542-1133)
  - FORS 6270 (call #XXXX) Rosemary Wood (542-1183)
  - RLST 4270 (call #XXXX) Brenda Arnold (542-5064)
  - RLST 6270 (call #XXXX) Brenda Arnold (542-5064)

Notes

- Your name, summer address, SSN, e-mail, phone number, food preference, and course registration must be included on the sign-up sheet to register.
- Activity fees are waived if you are not taking other summer classes and if you complete the necessary form.
- Graduate credit for the course has the following additional requirements:
  - One graduate student group 3-hour interactive seminar on the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge drilling proposal to be given during the field experience;
  - The quality of the presentations, written exam material, and project assignments will be of a higher quality than at the undergraduate level. Accordingly, written material and project assignments will receive more rigorous grading than at the undergraduate level.
- The University of Georgia seeks to promote and ensure academic honesty and personal integrity among students and other members of the University Community. A policy on academic honesty has been developed to serve these goals. All members of the academic community are responsible for knowing the policy and procedures on academic honesty. (The UGA web-site on academic honesty can be found at: <http://www.uga.edu/vpaa/polproc/ahpol/main.html>). All academic work must meet the standards contained in "A Culture of Honesty." Each student is responsible to inform themselves about those standards before performing any academic work.

5. Any student(s) who require special accommodation(s) or other requirements in this course must notify the instructor by April 20, 2005.
6. Unless indicated by the student (in an email sent to the instructor by April 20, 2005), final grades will be posted according to the last four digits of the student's social security number.
7. Students will be required to attend all mandatory presentations, seminars, and activities of the program. Unless prior approval is granted, a penalty of 5% (from the final grade) will be deducted for each mandatory session missed.
8. Students unable to take the exam on the specified date will be given an incomplete (I) for the course and be given a make-up exam on the day of the first day of classes of the Fall semester.

#### Departure and return

1. We depart the East parking lot (next to the parking deck) of the Ramsey Center on Monday August 1, 2005 @ 7:45 a.m. Please be there at 7:30 a.m. to check your luggage on the vans. Lunch on your own.
2. You are limited to one duffle-bag, backpack, or suitcase (plus one small day-pack).
3. Contact Parking services on UGA campus to inquire about parking options.
4. We will return to the Ramsey Center on Saturday August 6, 2005 @ 3:00 p.m. (approx.). Lunch on your own on that day.
5. The group presentations will be on Monday August 8, 2005 @ 9:00 - Noon.
6. The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

What to bring list

There are no commercial outlets or laundry facilities within GSMNP, so bring all necessities with you.

1. BRING
  - a. Bedding (sleeping bag or sheets, and pillow)
  - b. Personal clothing (temperatures vary)
  - c. Hiking shoes (day-hikes)
  - d. Rain gear
  - e. All toiletries
  - f. Bath towels
  - g. Notebooks and pens
  - h. Alarm clock
  - i. Any musical instrument
  - j. Insect repellent
  - k. Allergy medication
  - l. Insurance verification and blank checks in the event of accident or illness requiring medical attention
  - m. Some money for travel to and from GSMNP for lunches and misc. (e.g., camera film)
  - n. Flashlight
  - o. Motion sickness medicine
  - p. Water bottle
  - q. Trip insurance (accident) is available through most insurance agencies
  - r. Slip-on shoes (for showers and bedrooms)
  - s. Binoculars
  - t. Day pack (for day hikes)
  - u. Field guides (also available at Tremont)
  - v. Small bedside light for reading
2. GENERAL INFO
 

Address: Great Smoky Mtn. Institute at Tremont  
9275 Tremont Road  
GSMNP  
Townsend, TN 37882

Emergency phone #: 865-448-6709 or 865-436-1294
3. RULES AND REGULATIONS
  - a. No student is to leave Tremont without the consent of the faculty supervisor
  - b. Punctual attendance of all consortium sessions is required
  - c. Alcoholic beverages, non-prescription drugs, or firearms are not allowed
  - d. All Tremont rules and regulations will be observed by all personnel
  - e. Non-conformance of the above rules will result in immediate, appropriate disciplinary action, which may include expulsion.