

ANTH/FORS/RLST4270/6270
Natural Resources Consortium in Great Smoky Mountains National Park
August 4 - 11, 2003

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Course description

The course will introduce students to a variety of on-going and innovative programs within the scope of natural resources management. 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

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

Course objectives

The course is designed to provide an intensive, on-site exposure to a variety of natural resources management factors. National Park Service professionals, university faculty, and recognized authorities and leaders in the natural resources management field 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 field of natural resources management.
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 9, 2003.
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 9:00 a.m. on August 11, 2003 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 outdoor recreation management 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.

Registration

1. Registration will be limited to students on a first-come first-served basis. Registration is secured with:
 - a) A check (made payable to "RLST4270") for \$300.00 (due on April 22, 2003).
 - b) Attendance at the mandatory meeting on April 22, 2003 @ 2:00 pm in Room 202 Ramsey Center.
 - c) A completed medical form (due by April 22, 2003).
2. The waiting list for students will open up on April 23, 2003 for places made available by non-registered students.

Notes

1. Graduate credit can be received under RLST6000, which requires a POD.
2. Your name, summer address, e-mail, and phone number must be included on the sign-up sheet to register.
3. Activity fees are waived if you are not taking other summer classes and if you complete the necessary form.
4. Graduate credit for the course has the following additional requirements:
 - a) One graduate student group 3-hour interactive seminar on the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge drilling proposal to be given during the field experience;
 - b) 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.
5. 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.
6. Any student(s) who require special accommodation(s) or other requirements in this course must notify the instructor by April 23, 2003.
7. Unless indicated by the student (in an email sent to the instructor by April 23, 2003), final grades will be posted according to the last four digits of the student's social security number.

Departure and return

1. We depart the north parking lot of the Ramsey Center on Monday August 4, 2003 @ 8:00 a.m. Please be there at 7:45 a.m. to check your luggage on the vans.
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 9, 2003 @ 3:00 p.m. (approx.). Lunch on your own on that day.
5. The group presentations will be in Ramsey Center room 205 at 9:00 a.m. on Monday August 11, 2003.
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 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
2. GENERAL INFO

Address: Great Smoky Mtn. Institute at Tremont
Route 1 Box 700
GSMNP
Townsend, TN 37882

Emergency phone #: 865-448-6709
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.