

## **SFRC Seminar (FOR6933 (section 2274)) Syllabus**

**MEETING PERIODS:** Wednesdays, 4:05-4:55, 112 Newins-Ziegler Hall

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### **OBJECTIVES**

- To promote the exchange of ideas and better awareness regarding the research being conducted collectively by the SFRC
- To provide the opportunity for SFRC graduate students to present their research to colleagues and obtain constructive feedback to improve future presentations
- To stimulate critical analysis of current forest research and research literature
- To broaden and deepen students' understanding of forestry and conservation research beyond their areas of expertise

### **OVERVIEW**

The Spring 2012 SFRC seminar course will provide students with the opportunity to give seminars on their own research. Students enrolled in the class will be required to give a seminar on their own research results (or planned studies for newer students).

### **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Attendance each week is required and needed to make the class a success. In general, 1 or more absence will result in a lowered class grade.
- Students will present a seminar that focuses on their own research (or future/planned research). Specific instructions for preparation, format and acceptable content will be given separately.
- Students will complete evaluation forms for all student presentations. These will be given to each speaker following their presentation to the class.
- Each student will be responsible for introducing 1 speaker during the semester.

**INSTRUCTOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND GRADING:**

The instructor will provide students with feedback following each seminar. A course grade will be assigned based on attendance (10%), class participation (evaluation forms and discussion) (25%), speaker introductions (15%) and the seminar presentation (50%).

**ACADEMIC HONESTY.** As a result of completing the registration form at the University of Florida, every student has signed the following statement: "I understand that the University of Florida expects its students to be honest in all of their academic work. I agree to adhere to this commitment to academic honesty and understand that my failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the University".

**ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:** Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodations.

**UF COUNSELING SERVICES:** Resources are available on campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career and academic goals, which interfere with their academic performance. These resources include: Counseling Services, Groups and Workshops, Outreach and Consultation, Self-Help Library, Training Programs, Community Provider Database.