Participate

Piazza Q&A 2.5%
Form a supportive community with your classmates to improve your understanding of course material

Paper Discussion 2.5%
Work within a small group to read and interpret a published paper

Learn to Write Like an Ecologist

Field Notebook 10%
Identify ecological patterns and form research questions after recording your field observations

Research Proposal 15%
Work through the process of formally proposing research by developing a Field Notebook entry, into an Outline, a 3-page Proposal, and a Revision

Test Your Learning

"Daily" Quizzes 10%
Use as study aids for each module that help you to keep from falling behind and recognize what material you need to revisit

Practice Problems 15%
Apply mathematical models to inform realistic conservation practices

Midterm 20%
Cumulative Final 20%
Demonstrate what you’ve learned with definitions, matching, multiple choice, and short-answer

Reflect

Weekly Reflections 5%
Take 10 minutes every Sunday to reflect on your progress and provide course feedback

Extra Credit

available for Field Notebook, Research Proposal, and some Quizzes

How Does This Class Work?

Submit all assignments and exams online via Canvas by 11:59 pm PDT on the listed due date.

Late Policy
10% of the total points will be deducted per day (including weekends)

Virtual Office Hours
Video chat, audio chat, message, and screen-share with teaching staff via Zoom on Canvas site

Recommended Readings
Ecology by Cain, Bowman, and Hacker. Sinauer Press. 3rd or 4th Ed.
Papers provided on Canvas

DRC Accommodations
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