

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: NRM 103

Title: RESTORING NATIVE HABITAT

Full Title: Restoring Native Habitats

Last Reviewed: 10/24/2016

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	0.50	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	4	Lecture Scheduled	12.00
Minimum	0.50	Lab Scheduled	2.00	4	Lab Scheduled	8.00
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	5.00		Contact Total	20.00
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 24.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 44.00

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

Catalog Description:
Hands-on approach to restoring local habitats using native plants in the landscape. Overview of natural plant communities as models for restoration. Course includes study of dominant and typical plant constituents of each plant community in Sonoma County, focusing on species currently used in restoration. Matching plant species to local conditions for successful restoration, students will do field work at Shone Farm as well as develop individual restoration projects.

Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended Preparation:
Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100

Limits on Enrollment:

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Transfer Credit:

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU GE:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
IGETC:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU Transfer:		Effective:	Inactive:
UC Transfer:		Effective:	Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Outcomes and Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Perform a site analysis.
2. Describe procedures used in site preparation.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of maintenance requirements for re-vegetation projects.
4. Identify exotic and invasive plants and strategies to control them.
5. Discuss the importance of native plant habitat for wildlife.
6. Preserve and maintain a native habitat.
7. Describe the geographic profile of local watersheds.
8. Plan a successful landscape restoration project.
9. Differentiate between restoration and natural landscaping.
10. Demonstrate skill at restoration planting techniques.
11. Perform field monitoring at a restoration site.
12. Make informed selections and purchase seeds and container/bare root/field grown plants.
13. Explain what constitutes relict and restored sites.
14. Select appropriate species of and sources for plants.

Topics and Scope:

- I. Overview
 - A. Defining landscape restoration
 - B. Geographic profile of a watershed
 - C. Local plant communities and associations
- II. Site analysis

- A. Physical factors
 - 1. Soils
 - 2. Exposure
 - 3. Climate
- B. Plant/wildlife survey
- C. Desired vegetation type
 - 1. Analysis
 - 2. Species selection
- D. Invasive and exotic species
- III. Project Planning and Goals
 - A. Natural versus restoration landscaping
 - 1. Human needs
 - a. Recreation
 - b. Waste water sites
 - c. Flood control areas
 - 2. Ecological needs
 - a. Importance of native plant habitat for wildlife
 - b. Requirements for encouraging wildlife
 - 3. Use of relict and restored sites to establish goals
 - B. Timelines
 - C. Materials
 - 1. Selecting appropriate species
 - 2. Sources for plants
 - D. Layout
 - 1. Blueprints and specs
 - 2. Topographic maps
 - 3. Geologic surveys
- IV. Salvage Considerations
 - A. On/off site
 - B. Plants
 - C. Soil
 - D. Techniques
- V. Succession
- VI. Restoring healthy soils
 - A. Mycorrhizae
 - B. Weeds
 - C. Mulches
- VII. Invasive species
 - A. Identification techniques
 - B. Removal
 - C. Pesticides
- VIII. Out planting requirements and techniques
 - A. Site preparation for planting
 - B. On site layout techniques for materials
 - C. Plant protection strategies
 - D. Efficient labor techniques
 - E. Tools used in restoration
 - F. Field monitoring practices
 - G. Record keeping
- IX. Maintenance of revegetation projects
 - A. Irrigation
 - B. Weed control

- C. Grazing
- D. Fire
- E. Pest control
- F. Thinning and replanting
- X. Ecological restoration resources
 - A. Books
 - B. Web
 - C. Government agencies
 - D. Community based projects
 - 1. Environmental groups
 - 2. Landowners

Assignment:

1. Weekly reading assignment: 10 - 20 pages.
2. Individually planned restoration project, written (4 - 8 pages), graded 50% problem solving, 50% writing.
3. Oral presentation of project.
5. Field work: restoration activities at Shone Farm.
6. Lab activities:
 - a. Plant identification techniques;
 - b. Planting techniques;
 - c. Invasive species removal.
7. Quizzes (2-5), final exam.

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Restoration project

Writing 10 - 30%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Field work, Restoration project

Problem solving 10 - 40%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Lab & field techniques

Skill Demonstrations 10 - 20%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Multiple choice, True/false, Matching items, Completion, Short answer.
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Exams 30 - 60%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Attendance and participation; oral presentation

Other Category
10 - 20%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

A Flora of Sonoma County. Best, Howell, Knight, Wells. California Native Plant Society. 1996.

Landscape Restoration Handbook. Harker, Libby, Harker, Evans, Evans. Lewis Publishers. 1999.

A Guide to Restoring Native Riparian Habitat in the Russian River Watershed. Sonoma County Water Agency and Circuit Rider Productions, Inc. Circuit Rider Productions. 1998.

Know Your Natives. Jeanette Wrysinski. Yolo County Resource Conservation District. 2000.

Jepson Manual, Higher Plants of California. James C. Hickman. Regents of the University of California. 1993