

NRM 240 – Natural Resources Measurement and Inventory

Instructor – Nancy Fresco

Lectures - MW 1:00-2:00 (via Zoom)

Lab – Monday 2:15 – 5:15 (Outdoors – meet outside on the south side of O’Neill. I’ll bring lab materials, but please have a notebook, pen/pencil, phone if possible, and mask.)

Office Hours – by appointment – email me to set up a time to talk, get extra help, etc.

Email – nlfresco@alaska.edu (This is generally the best way to reach me.)

Reading:

There is no textbook for this class.

Reading material will include articles selected from published scientific literature and reports and websites produced by resource management agencies. These materials will be made available via Blackboard and web links. In some cases, you will be asked to search for literature online.

Course Description

How do natural resource managers know what’s out there, and how it is changing over time?

Whether you are managing the timber in a forest, the salmon in a watershed, or the scenic vistas in a National Park, you need meaningful ways to measure the quantity, quality, and value of your resources.

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Course Goals

Grades: It is my intention to grade and respond to student assignments within seven days, and to post these grades in Blackboard as well as returning assignments in class.

Grading

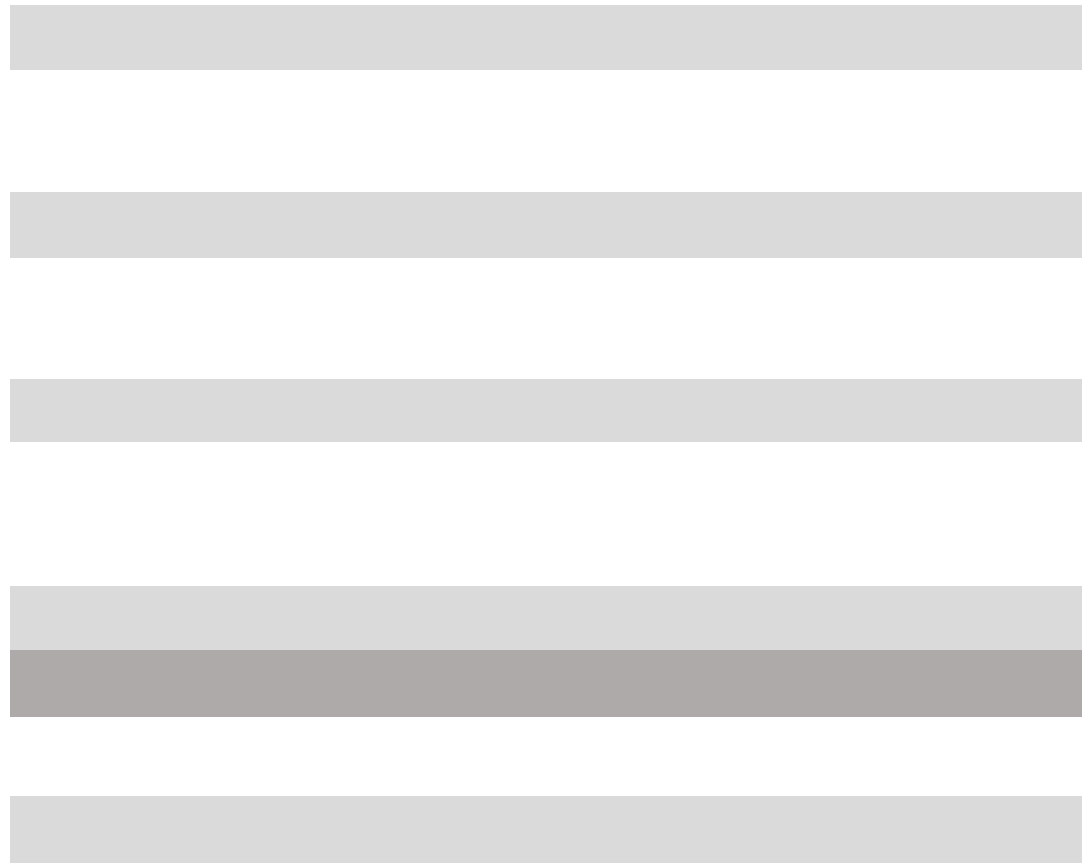
The grade received in this course will be based upon performance on exams, homework, and lab assignments. Lab grades will be based on participation (50%) and quality of the write-up (50%). The following weighting scale will be used. Grades will not be curved, although extra credit may occasionally be available.

<u>Components of grade</u>		<u>Requirements for letter grade</u>	
<i>Midterm Exam</i>	20%	A+ > 96%	C+ 77% to 79%
		A 93% to 96%	C 70% to 76%
<i>Final Exam</i>	25%	A- 90% to 92%	
<i>Homework Assignments</i>	20%	B+ 87% to 89%	D 60% to 69%
		B 83% to 86%	
<i>Lab Assignments</i>	35%	B- 80% to 82%	
Total	100%		F < 60%

Lecture, Lab and Assignment Schedule

Not that this schedule is approximate. Always check Blackboard to make sure of due dates, etc.

			Topic (Lecture and lab Mon., lecture Weds.)	
1	1	Mon Aug 24	Introduction; measurement	
1		Mon Aug 24		No lab the first week of class
1	2	Weds Aug 26	Accuracy, precision, bias, and estimation	#1: Estimation and critical thinking
2	3	Mon Aug 31	Sampling	#1: Estimation and critical thinking
2		Mon Aug 31	Lab 1: Berry data, eg sampling	
3	4	Weds Sep 2	Statistics-- intro	#2: Confidence intervals
3	5	Mon Sep 7	Statistics-- intro	#2: Confidence intervals
3	6	Weds Sep 9	Statistics-- intro	#2: Confidence intervals
3	7	Mon Sep 14	Statistics-- intro	#2: Confidence intervals
3	8	Weds Sep 16	Statistics-- intro	#2: Confidence intervals
3	9	Mon Sep 21	Statistics-- intro	#2: Confidence intervals
3	10	Weds Sep 23	Statistics-- intro	#2: Confidence intervals
3	11	Mon Sep 28	Statistics-- intro	#2: Confidence intervals
3	12	Weds Sep 30	Statistics-- intro	#2: Confidence intervals



8	13	Mon Oct 12	Stratified sampling		#4: Ecological Datasets
8		Mon Oct 12	Lab 7: Snow Sampling (weather dependent)	Lab 7	Lab 6 due
8	14	Wed Oct 14	Stratified sampling cont.		
9	15	Mon Oct 19	Power and sample size	#5 Wildlife Datasets	
9		Mon Oct 19	Lab 8: Intro to Excel	Lab 8	Lab 7 due
9	16	Wed Oct 21	Paired T tests		
10	17	Mon Oct 26	Population ecology and growth		#5 Wildlife Datasets
10		Mon Oct 26	Lab 9: Probability and CLT	Lab 9	Lab 8 due
10	18	Wed Oct 28	Pop. ecology cont.		
11	19	Mon Nov 2	Meta-populations and life tables	#6 Population Estimations	
11		Mon Nov 2	Lab 10: Hypothesis testing	Lab 10	Lab 9 due
11	20	Wed Nov 4	Estimating wildlife populations		
12	21	Mon Nov 9	Mark/recapture		
12		Mon Nov 9	Lab 11: Population dynamics	Lab 12	Lab 10 due
12	22	Wed Nov 11	Biodiversity		#6 Population Estimations

