

# COURSE OUTLINE: NRT0150 - FOREST INVENTORY

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#### outcomes:

Course Outcome 1	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 1	
Carry out accurate field measurements and inventories of forest trees.	<ul> <li>1.1 Explain the concepts of timber cruising, forest inventories and growth and yield.</li> <li>1.2 Carry out prism, fixed area and strip cruises complete with the associated compilations.</li> <li>1.3 Understand how to design a timber inventory.</li> <li>1.4 Demonstrate the ability to use electronic field instruments and data recorders.</li> </ul>	
Course Outcome 2	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 2	
Properly compile, summarize and report inventory results.	<ul><li>2.1 Compile complete, legible cruise tallies.</li><li>2.2 Summarize results using appropriate calculations.</li><li>2.3 Demonstrate the use of computerized tally sheets.</li></ul>	
Course Outcome 3	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 3	
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the Forest Resource Inventory System in Ontario.	3.1 Record data using the FRI Format. 3.2 Explain the FRI system.	
Course Outcome 4	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 4	
Calculate the number of trees per hectare, basal area per hectare and timber volume per hectare	<ul><li>4.1 Understand the concepts of stems per hectare, basal area per hectare and tree volume per hectare.</li><li>4.2 Apply mathematical formulae to calculate trees per hectare, basal area per hectare and volume per hectare.</li></ul>	

### **Evaluation Process and Grading System:**

Evaluation Type	Evaluation Weight
Field Assignments and Compilations	65%
Final Exam	20%
Midterm Test	15%

#### **CICE Modifications:**

### **Preparation and Participation**

- 1. A Learning Specialist will attend class with the student(s) to assist with inclusion in the class and to take notes.
- 2. Students will receive support in and outside of the classroom (i.e. tutoring, assistance with homework and assignments, preparation for exams, tests and guizzes.)
- 3. Study notes will be geared to test content and style which will match with modified learning outcomes.
- 4. Although the Learning Specialist may not attend all classes with the student(s), support will always be available. When the Learning Specialist does attend classes he/she will remain as inconspicuous as possible.
- A. Further modifications may be required as needed as the semester progresses based on individual student(s) abilities and must be discussed with and agreed upon by the instructor.

#### B. Tests may be modified in the following ways:

- 1. Tests, which require essay answers, may be modified to short answers.
- 2. Short answer questions may be changed to multiple choice or the question may be simplified so the answer will reflect a basic understanding.
- 3. Tests, which use fill in the blank format, may be modified to include a few choices for each



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NRT0150: FOREST INVENTORY CICE Page 2 question, or a list of choices for all questions. This will allow the student to match or use visual clues.

4. Tests in the T/F or multiple choice format may be modified by rewording or clarifying statements into layman's or simplified terms. Multiple choice questions may have a reduced number of choices.

### C. Tests will be written in CICE office with assistance from a Learning Specialist.

### The Learning Specialist may:

- 1. Read the test question to the student.
- 2. Paraphrase the test question without revealing any key words or definitions.
- 3. Transcribe the student's verbal answer.
- 4. Test length may be reduced and time allowed to complete test may be increased.

#### D. Assignments may be modified in the following ways:

- 1. Assignments may be modified by reducing the amount of information required while maintaining general concepts.
- 2. Some assignments may be eliminated depending on the number of assignments required in the particular course.

## The Learning Specialist may:

- 1. Use a question/answer format instead of essay/research format
- 2. Propose a reduction in the number of references required for an assignment
- 3. Assist with groups to ensure that student comprehends his/her role within the group
- 4. Require an extension on due dates due to the fact that some students may require additional time to process information
- 5. Formally summarize articles and assigned readings to isolate main points for the student
- 6. Use questioning techniques and paraphrasing to assist in student comprehension of an assignment

#### E. Evaluation:

Is reflective of modified learning outcomes.

NOTE: Due to the possibility of documented medical issues, CICE students may require alternate methods of evaluation to be able to acquire and demonstrate the modified learning outcomes

#### Date:

August 28, 2019

#### Addendum:

Please refer to the course outline addendum on the Learning Management System for further information.

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