

SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO



COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE: PROTECTING PARK VALUES

CODE NO. : NRT 139 **SEMESTER:** 3

PROGRAM: Park Operation Skills, Adventure Recreation & Parks

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

- I. I. The student will examine tree health, abiotic and biotic forest pathogens, forest insects, forest fires, and the impacts of recreation as they relate to the protection of ecological health objectives and safety in parks, recreational areas and protected areas. Numerous readings on Park Protection issues will be examined and discussed. Individual tree health will be assessed. Life cycles of major native and introduced forest insects and diseases are examined. Integrated pest management, control and ecological impacts as they relate to park ecosystem health objectives will be studied. Fire ecology, fire suppression, fire protection, fire use (prescribed burning) and fire weather index are introduced. Other park protection issues include; assessing the impacts of recreational activities on parks, invasive plant / animal species, restoration concepts, the concept of ecological carrying capacity will be discussed.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Describe identification features and life cycles of six orders of forest insects including Lepidoptera, Coleoptera, Hymenoptera, Diptera, Hemiptera, and Homoptera found in park areas.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Recognize and label diagrams of various insect body parts and body regions.
 - Describe how forest insects are classified according to taxonomy, feeding location and host species.
 - Draw diagrams of the life cycles for the six orders.
- These outcomes will constitute approximately 10% of the course.

2. Describe the ecological role and management of, forest insects in park areas.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Recognize and identify signs and symptoms of insect damage.
- Explain natural control methods including virus, bacteria, and introduced pests.
- Explain environmental impacts on insect populations including

temperature, humidity, wind, precipitation, and fire.

-Describe elements of integrated pest management

-Discuss the limitations and environmental implications of each type of control method.

These outcomes will constitute approximately 10% of the course.

3. Describe and identify biotic and abiotic stressors of forest trees in park areas.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

-Classify forest tree diseases by taxonomic, biotic, abiotic, decline, host, part of tree, parasitic / saprobic, and necrotic / atrophic / hypertrophic methods.

-Recognize and identify signs and symptoms of forest disease.

-Identify and describe abiotic stress factors that affect tree health.

-Identify and describe biotic stress factors as agents of tree disease including fungi, bacteria, viruses and parasitic plants.

-Collect and identify hard body fungus types for interpretive purposes.

-Describe life cycles of mycorrhizae, fungi, rusts and decline diseases.

These outcomes will constitute approximately 10% of the course

4. Describe the ecological role and management of, biotic and abiotic stressors of forest trees in park areas.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

-Recognize and identify signs and symptoms of forest tree diseases.- Explain environmental influences on forest tree diseases temperature, cultural damage, construction damage, humidity, wind, precipitation, and fire.

-Complete a hazard tree assessment in a park development zone setting.

-Describe park management strategies to protect tree health.

These outcomes will constitute approximately 20% of the course

5. Describe the ecological role and management of, forest fires in park areas.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

-Describe the Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index.

-Explain the role of forest fire in fire dependant ecosystems.

- Operate forest fire suppression equipment (pumps, hand tools, etc.).
 - Describe fire use (prescribed burn) objectives and planning procedures.
 - Discuss the environmental implications of forest fire suppression vs. fire management in park areas.
- These outcomes will constitute approximately 20% of the course

6. Describe commemorative protection measures and other park protection issues.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Name various park system plans, which guide park managers efforts with respect to natural disturbances (The “Grey” Book, National Parks Act, State of the Park reports, etc.)
 - Recognize 5 invasive plant species and describe impacts in park management .
 - Define the concept of ecological integrity.
 - Discuss the rationale for, and principles of, restoration activities.
- These outcomes will constitute approximately 30% of the course

III. TOPICS:

1. Forest Entomology
2. Forest Pathology.
3. Forest Fire Management
4. Park Protection Issues
5. Commemorative Protection.

IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:

Barron, G. L., 1999. Mushrooms of Ontario and Eastern Canada. Lone Pine Publishing, Vancouver.

V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

Insect ID Test	10%
Entomology Test	10%
Pathology Test	10%
Hard Body Fungus Collection	10%
Forest Fire Weather Ex.	10%
Forest Fire Test	10%
Park Protection Issues Assignment/ Presentation	20%
Commemorative Group Assignment	10%
Final Exam	10%
Total	100%

The following semester grades will be assigned to students in postsecondary courses:

Grade	Definition	<i>Grade Point Equivalent</i>
A+	90 – 100%	4.00
A	80 – 89%	3.00
B	70 - 79%	2.00
C	60 - 69%	1.00
D	50 – 59%	0.00
F (Fail)	49% and below	
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field /clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field/clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
X	A temporary grade limited to situations with extenuating circumstances giving a student additional time to complete the requirements for a course.	
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office.	
W	Student has withdrawn from the course without academic penalty.	

VI. SPECIAL NOTES:Attendance:

Sault College is committed to student success. There is a direct correlation between academic performance and class attendance; therefore, for the benefit of all its constituents, all students are encouraged to attend all of their scheduled learning and evaluation sessions. This implies arriving on time and remaining for the duration of the scheduled session. *It is the departmental policy that once the classroom door has been closed, the learning process has begun. Late arrivers will not be granted admission to the room.*

VI. COURSE OUTLINE ADDENDUM:

The provisions contained in the addendum located on the portal form part of this course outline.