


SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS & TECHNOLOGY
SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO

COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE: FISHERIES BIOLOGY/MANAGEMENT
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TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 45

PREREQUISITE(S): NONE

I. PHILOSOPHY/GOALS:

A practical course dealing with anatomy, physiology, identification and biology of Ontario's sport and commercial fish. Students will be introduced to the techniques used to collect fisheries data and methods of assessment. The principles, philosophy and application of fisheries management, including fish culture in Ontario will also be addressed.

II. STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:

Upon successful completion of this course the student will:

1. Identify important sports and commercial fish of Ontario and discuss their biology.
2. Describe the basic anatomy and general physiology of a fish.
3. Outline various fisheries techniques employed to collect data on a population.
4. Discuss methods of fisheries assessment and the role of fisheries assessment units in Ontario.
5. Describe the policies and objectives as well as the physical requirements for fish culture in Ontario.
6. Outline the management strategies for important fish species in Ontario.

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III. TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

Lecture Schedule

Hours

3

UNIT 1 Introduction to Fishes

- modern fishes
- fish classification
- distinguishing characteristics of Families of fish
- form and movement

3

UNIT 2 Anatomy and Physiology I

- integument
- musculature
- skeleton
- circulatory system
- respiration system
- digestive system
- nervous system
- excretion
- osmoregulation

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UNIT 2 (cont'd) Anatomy and Physiology II

- endocrine system
- genetics
- reproduction/strategies
- embryology
- growth

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UNIT 3 Water Quality

- water quality parameter
- toxic materials

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Hours

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UNIT 4 Aquaculture

- policies/objectives
Speaker: MNR
- fish handling
- egg collection/fertilization
Video: Rainbow Trout Egg Collection
- systems: cage culture
Video: Espanola Cage Culture
- closed systems
Video: Dorion Fish Hatchery
Video: Thessalon Hatchery
- feeding
- disease/parasites
- hatchery management
Field Trip: Platte River Hatchery
Field Trip: Tarentorus Fish Culture
Station

6

UNIT 5 Fisheries Techniques

- passive capture techniques
- active capture techniques
- sampling with toxicants
- tagging and marking
- population estimates
- length, weight and associated structural indices
- stomach analysis
- electrophoresis
- biotelemetry
- underwater techniques
- field examination of fish
- sampling the recreational fishery
- sampling the commercial catch
- evaluating human factors

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8

UNIT 6 Fisheries Management

- policies, objectives
- management strategies in Ontario
- SCOL, PERCID, STOCKS, SLIS, SPOF
- Community Fisheries Involvement Programs (CFIP)
- Fisheries Management Plans

Lab Schedule

Hours

2

LAB 1. Fish Classification
- distinguishing characteristics
of Families

2

LAB 2. Fish Dissection

2

LAB 3. Fish Identification Group #1

2

LAB 4. Fish Identification Group #2

2

LAB 5. Fish Identification Group #3

2

LAB 6. Fish Identification Group #4

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LAB 7. Fish Identification TEST

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IV. EVALUATION METHODS: (INCLUDES ASSIGNMENTS, ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS ETC.)

A+ - 90% - 100%

A - 80% - 89%

B - 70% - 79%

C - 60% - 69%

R - less than 60%

MARKS

A. Term Tests	45
B. Laboratory Tests	20
C. Oral Presentation	10
D. Management Report	15
E. Minnow Collection	10
TOTAL	<u>100</u>

A. Term Test

Term tests will be based on lectures, field trips, video and guest speaker presentations. Term tests will account for 40% of the course grade.

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B. Laboratory Test

Several practical lab tests based on the identification of Ontario's freshwater fish will comprise 20% of the course grade.

A Grade of 85% is mandatory for each lab test on species identification.

Scientific names must accompany common names only for major game species of Ontario.

Students will also be tested on the use of identification keys.

C. Oral Presentation

Students are required to give a 20 minute oral presentation outlining the:

1. identification features
2. range
3. habitat/food preferences
4. life history (be sure to include age at sexual maturity)
5. importance

of 2 commercial/sports fish of significance in Ontario.

Each student will present a typed handout (with the categories outlined above) which summarizes in point form the highlights of the presentation.

The handout will be given to the instructor prior to the actual presentation so as to be copied for each member of the class.

The oral presentation is valued at 10% of the course grade.

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ONTARIO FISH SPECIES FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS

<u>Common Name(s)</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
1. Lake trout	<u>Salvelinus namaycush</u>
2. Brook trout	<u>Salvelinus fontinalis</u>
3. Rainbow trout	<u>Oncorhynchus mykiss</u>
4. Brown trout	<u>Salmo trutta</u>
5. Lake whitefish	<u>Coregonus clupeaformis</u>
6. Cisco	<u>Coregonus artedii</u>
7. Smallmouth bass	<u>Micropterus dolomieu</u>
8. Largemouth bass	<u>Micropterus salmoides</u>
9. Rock bass	<u>Ambloplites rupestris</u>
10. Pumpkinseed	<u>Lepomis gibbosus</u>
11. White bass	<u>Morone chrysops</u>
12. Brown bullhead	<u>Ictalurus nebulosus</u>
13. Channel catfish	<u>Ictalurus punctatus</u>
14. Northern Pike	<u>Esox lucius</u>
15. Muskellunge	<u>Esox masquinongy</u>
16. Carp	<u>Cyprinus carpio</u>
17. White sucker	<u>Catostomus commersonii</u>
18. Walleye	<u>Stizostedion vitreum</u>
19. Yellow perch	<u>Perca flavescens</u>
20. Rainbow smelt	<u>Osmerus mordax</u>
21. Coho salmon	<u>Oncorhynchus kisutch</u>
22. Chinook salmon	<u>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</u>

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D. MANAGEMENT REPORT

Students are to select an important sport or commercial fish (including bait-fish) and submit a typed report valued at 15% of the course grade.

Students are also responsible for an oral presentation of the highlights of their management report for the benefit of the entire class.

NOTE: Species selected should be a fish other than that researched for oral presentation.

Reports are to be formatted as follows:

1. Introduction

A brief statement of the species importance as well as it's distribution in Ontario, (include a map).

2. History

A history of the species (in Ontario) up to and including it's present status.

3. Economic Value

- Direct and indirect (spin-offs)
- Trends

4. Problems and Issues

- exploitation
- user conflicts
- habitat loss and/or degradation
- undesirable species introduction (competition, predation)
- limiting factors

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5. Management Strategies

- A general statement of present.
 - i) season restrictions
 - ii) size limitations
 - iii) bag limits/quotas
 - iv) gear restrictions
 - etc.
- Present and future management strategies (harvest control, stocking, breeding, habitat rehabilitation, fishways etc) to ensure survival and reproductive success, quality fishing.
- Include present government/special interest programs in Ontario (be specific).
- Future proposals/targets' objectives.

6. References

E. MINNOW COLLECTION

Students are required to make a collection of 12 minnows (F. Cyprinidae) for submission.

Specimens should be fixed initially in formalin, soaked in water, transferred to an alcohol based preservative (eg. 70% ethyl alcohol) and stored in glass, screw capped vials.

For each specimen a collection record will be completed (supplied) identifying to species.

The minnow collection will comprise 10% of the course grade.

NOTE: Submission of all assignments is mandatory. Students with outstanding assignments will receive an "R" grade regardless of their accumulated grade for the course.

MINNOW COLLECTION FORM

SPECIMEN NO. _____

COMMON NAME _____

GENUS _____

SPECIES _____

CAPTURE DATE _____

LOCATION _____

WATER DEPTH _____ (meters)

WATER TEMPERATURE _____ (°C)

SUBSTRATE _____

AQUATIC VEGETATION _____

COLLECTOR _____

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V. REQUIRED STUDENT RESOURCES

TEXTBOOK(S):

Scott, W.B. and E.J. Crossman. 1973. Freshwater Fishes of Canada. Fisheries Research Board of Canada Bulletin 184.

Wallace, R.G. 1976. About Baitfish in Ontario. Ministry of Natural Resources, Toronto, Ontario.

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- Grant, W.E. 1986. Systems Analysis and Simulation in Wildlife and Fisheries Science. John Wiley and Sons, Rexdale, ON.
- Lackey, R.T. and L.A. Nielson (eds). 1980. Fisheries Management. John Wiley and Sons. Toronto, Ontario.
- McNeil, William J. (ed). 1988. Salmon Production, Management and Allocation: Biological, Economic and Policy Issues. Proceedings of the World Salmonid Conference, Portland, Oregon in 1986. Oregon State University Press, Oregon.
- Mills, Derek and David Piggins (eds). 1988. Atlantic Salmon: Planning for the Future. Proceedings of the Third International Atlantic Salmon Symposium, Biarritz, France in 1986. Timber press. Portland, OR.
- Nielsen, Larry A. and David L. Johnson (eds). 1983. Fisheries Techniques. AFS, Bethesda, Maryland.
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