



COURSE OUTLINE: NET250 - GENERAL ENTOMOLOGY

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Course Code: Title	NET250: GENERAL ENTOMOLOGY
Program Number: Name	5220: NAT ENVIRONMENT TN
Department:	NATURAL RESOURCES PRG
Academic Year:	2025-2026
Course Description:	This course provides the student with an introduction to the biology and ecology of insects and related invertebrates. Emphasis is placed on the development of identification skills in the laboratory.
Total Credits:	3
Hours/Week:	3
Total Hours:	42
Prerequisites:	There are no pre-requisites for this course.
Corequisites:	There are no co-requisites for this course.
Substitutes:	NRT207, NRT243
Vocational Learning Outcomes (VLO's) addressed in this course:	5220 - NAT ENVIRONMENT TN VLO 1 Collect data from representative biological and environmental samples using routine test procedures. VLO 3 Apply the basic concepts of science to natural resource conservation and management. VLO 7 Work safely in adherence to occupational health and safety standards.
Essential Employability Skills (EES) addressed in this course:	EES 1 Communicate clearly, concisely and correctly in the written, spoken, and visual form that fulfills the purpose and meets the needs of the audience. EES 2 Respond to written, spoken, or visual messages in a manner that ensures effective communication. EES 7 Analyze, evaluate, and apply relevant information from a variety of sources. EES 8 Show respect for the diverse opinions, values, belief systems, and contributions of others. EES 9 Interact with others in groups or teams that contribute to effective working relationships and the achievement of goals. EES 10 Manage the use of time and other resources to complete projects. EES 11 Take responsibility for ones own actions, decisions, and consequences.
General Education Themes:	Science and Technology
Course Evaluation:	Passing Grade: 50%, D



	A minimum program GPA of 2.0 or higher where program specific standards exist is required for graduation.																
Other Course Evaluation & Assessment Requirements:	<p>Note 1: Academic success is directly linked to attendance. Missing more than 1/3 of the course hours in a semester shall result in an 'F' grade for the course.</p> <p>Note 2: It is impossible to do this course without the required textbook. If you do not have the required text by the fifth week of the course you will not be allowed to continue in the course.</p>																
Books and Required Resources:	Borrow & DeLong's Introduction to the Study of Insects by Triplehorn Publisher: Cengage Learning Edition: 7 ISBN: 9780357671276																
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Evaluation Process and Grading System:

Evaluation Type	Evaluation Weight
Assignments	20%
ID Logs	30%
Lab activities	20%
Tests	30%

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