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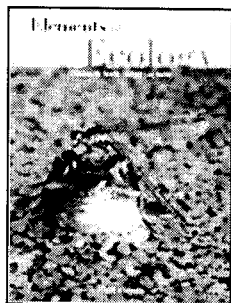
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Office Hours: T 12:30-1:30 PM and W 11:00 AM -12:00 PM or by appointment

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I will not respond to emails that are not lonestar accounts or that do not contain your full name in the email address and your section number in the subject field.



Text:

Elements of Ecology
Smith and Smith
Benjamin Cummings
Sixth Edition

Prerequisites:

BIO 1113 (Biology I)
BIO 1122 (Laboratory Investigations in Biology)
BIO 1143 (Biology III)

Grading Procedures: There will be three comprehensive midterm exams and each one will be worth 25% of the final grade. The 2nd and 3rd midterm exams will have approximately 75% new material and 25% old material. The Final Exam will be worth 25% of the final grade and it will be comprehensive. The final exam will be 100 questions and will contain approximately 50% old material and 50% new material. The four numerical exam grades will be averaged and a final letter grade will be assigned according to the following schedule:

90-100% A
80-89% B
70-79% C
60-69% D
less than 60% F

Incomplete * :The grade of 'IN' (Incomplete) will only be assigned under the following circumstances:

- 1) the student has been in attendance for at least 75% of the semester,
- 2) the student has a satisfactory grade ($\geq 70\%$),
- 3) there are verifiable, extenuating circumstances that make it impossible for the student to complete the remainder of the course.

Do not request a grade of 'IN' unless you meet **all** of the above requirements.

Withdrawal *: Any student who withdraws from the course after the automatic drop date will have a final grade assigned based on any extra credit and the test grades recorded (including zeros for any missed exams) up to the date they withdrew from the course.

*Refer to GRADES: Explanation of Credit, Grading System, and Symbols in the University of Texas at San Antonio Undergraduate Catalog. <http://www.utsa.edu/gcat/archive/2005/chapter3/grades.cfm>

Exams:

1. Regularly scheduled exams will be objective type. You will need a **ParScore Test Form No. X-101864-PAR-L (green)** for exams.
2. You must take all exams in the section in which you are registered. No exceptions. If an exam is taken with another section it will not be graded and a grade of zero will be assigned for that exam.
3. If an exam is not taken, a zero will be recorded for that exam and averaged in with your other exam grades to obtain a final grade.
4. Make-up exams are only available to those students that have made arrangements with the instructor prior to the scheduled exam or those that contact the instructor as soon as practicable after it has become clear that an exam will be missed. Sickness with a doctor's excuse, death in the family with documentation, a court date with

documentation, auto accident on route to class with documentation, emergency military service with documentation, or official university business with documentation will be the ONLY reasons acceptable for taking a make-up exam. Make-up exams will be administered only after verification of an excused absence. All make-up exams will be subjective/essay type exams and will be taken in the Biology Department office (BSB 2.03.02). Make-up exams will not be given for conflicting travel schedules, weddings, multiple exams on a single day, or students who do not feel prepared to take an exam over the exam material.

5. Sample exam questions are available on WebCT.
6. All work must be original and done independently. Non-original and/or non-independent work will be considered scholastic dishonesty and is unacceptable in this class. Scholastic dishonesty will result in no credit for an assignment/exam and/or a failing grade or reduced final grade for the course. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. ALL STUDENTS** are responsible for reading and understanding the information concerning scholastic dishonesty presented in the Student Code of Conduct. Pay specific attention to Sec.202. Specific Conduct Proscribed #21, Sec.203. Scholastic Dishonesty, Sec.301. Authorized Disciplinary Penalties, Sec.302. Explanation of Disciplinary Penalties, Sec.303. Authorized Academic Penalties, and Sec.401 & 402 under Initiation of Disciplinary Charges. The Student Code of Conduct applies to all students enrolled at the University. <http://www.utsa.edu/osja/conductoutline.cfm#sec101>

Extra credit: There will be several unannounced quizzes, 4 questions each. If you score $\geq 75\%$, you will receive $\frac{1}{2}$ a point on your final average; a score of $< 75\%$ you will receive $\frac{1}{4}$ a point on your final average. To receive credit, you must be there for the quiz (no make-up) **and** you must be there to pick up the quiz when it is handed back, otherwise no credit will be assigned. There will also be 2 extra credit assignments each worth a maximum of $\frac{1}{2}$ a point. **A student may receive a maximum of 3 pts extra credit added to their final test average in the class.**

Attendance: Attendance is required and will be checked on a regular basis. If you choose not to come to class **no** points will be deducted from your grade. You are responsible for any lecture material or procedural information given in class. In the event you are absent from class, do not look to the instructor to repeat for you personally what has already been presented to the larger class.

Drop Dates: *October 24*

Last day for sophomores and above (30 or more semester hours earned) to drop an individual course or withdraw from all classes and receive an automatic grade of "W" for Fall 2007. An individual course may not be dropped after this date without withdrawing from all classes.

November 28

Last day for freshmen (29 hours or fewer) to drop an individual course or withdraw from all classes and receive an automatic grade of "W" for Fall 2007. Courses may not be dropped or withdrawn after this date.

Classroom Behavior

Civility and non-disruptive behavior are expected of all students in the classroom. Disruptive behavior is classified as any behavior that disturbs either the instructor or fellow students. Students displaying non-civil or disruptive behavior will be asked to leave the classroom. Examples of non-civil or disruptive behavior include but are not limited to the following:

- ringing of cellular phones or beepers (please set to silent mode or turn off before class begins)
- tardiness or leaving lecture early
- making offensive remarks
- prolonged chattering
- reading newspapers, books for pleasure, or text books for other courses
- reading email on laptops or PDAs
- sleeping
- overt inattentiveness
- demands for special treatment

Principles of Ecology Tentative Lecture and Exam Schedule - Fall 2007

Topic	Recommended Reading	
	6 th Edition	5 th Edition
Ecology - An Overview	1	1
Evolution	2	2
Distributions	9	9
Dispersal	9	9
Species Interactions	13,14,15	14,15,16
Temperature	3,7	3,8
Moisture	6,7	6,8
Photosynthesis	6	6
Populations	9, 10	9, 10
Predation	11,14	11,15
Competition	11,13	11,14
Community Structure	13,16,23	13,25
Deserts	23	26
Succession	18	13
Species Diversity	16	13
Niche/Primary Production	20	20
Community Organization	16,20	17
Nutrient Cycles	21,22	21,22
Fire	19	19
Human Population	27	30
Air Pollution	29	23
Water Pollution	21	23
Pesticides	21	23

Exam Dates:

Exam 1

Section 001 (*MWF, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM*) – **W, September 19**

Section 002 (*TR, 11:00 AM-12:15 PM*) – **T, September 18**

Exam 2

Section 001 (*MWF, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM*) – **W, October 17**

Section 002 (*TR, 11:00 AM-12:15 PM*) – **T, October 16**

Exam 3

Section 001 (*MWF, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM*) – **W, November 7**

Section 002 (*TR, 11:00 AM-12:15 PM*) – **T, November 6**

Exam 4 (Final Exam)

Section 001 (*MWF, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM*) – **W, December 5, 7:30 AM -10:00 AM**

Section 002 (*TR, 11:00 AM-12:15 PM*) – **T, December 11, 10:30 AM-1:00 PM**

Holidays:

Labor Day – M, September 3 - No Class

Thanksgiving – R, November 22 and F, November 23 – No Class