**Biology 221**  
**Ecology and Evolution**  
**Spring 2013**

**Time/Place:** 9:30 AM MWF  
G15 Life Sciences Building

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**Books:** The following textbook is needed for this class and is available in the bookstore:  
*Elements of Ecology* by Thomas M. Smith and Robert Leo Smith (eighth edition)

**Web Site:** Course materials can be found at the Bio. 221 web site. The address for this site is:  
[http://www.as.wvu.edu/biology/bio21site/](http://www.as.wvu.edu/biology/bio21site/). Some of the documents found at this site will be password protected. The password to open these documents will be given in class.

**Exams:** There will be three *Wednesday evening* mid-term exams and a comprehensive final exam given in room G15 of the Life Sciences Building. The dates, locations, and times for each exam are given below along with the percentage that each component of your grade will count towards your final grade in the course. Seating will be assigned for each exam.

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<th>Exam I</th>
<th>Wednesday, Feb. 13</th>
<th>G15 LSB</th>
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<td>Exam II</td>
<td>Wednesday, Mar.13</td>
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<td>Exam III</td>
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<td>Final Exam</td>
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<td>G15 LSB</td>
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The exams will contain questions from the material covered in lecture, the textbook, assigned articles, video overviews, and assigned study questions unless otherwise noted.

**Attendance Quizzes:** During the semester, about ten unannounced quizzes will be given in class. The quizzes will be short (ca. 3 questions) and used to encourage and document attendance.

**Missing an exam:** If you miss an examination, you will receive a grade of zero for that exam. If an exam is missed due to an *unavoidable* absence, you must present *(in person, not via email)* a convincing written statement explaining the reason for your absence *no later than 1 week after your return to class*. Your statement should note the dates missed and may include any documentation you may wish to provide. Students with an acceptable excuse (as determined by the instructors) can take a comprehensive make-up exam during the last week of the semester or have their grade prorated (i.e., each exam taken will count proportionally more). The make-up exam will be an essay exam.

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Attendance: Attendance of all lectures is required. In cases where your grade for the course is near the cutoff value for the next highest grade, then your attendance will be used as a consideration in deciding the final grade you receive. Your attendance will be assessed using the attendance quizzes given during class.

iClickers: iClickers will be used frequently during this course. They can be purchased at the WVU bookstore and should be brought to every class. You must register your iClicker at www.iclicker.com before it can be used. When you register, use MyID (formerly your MIX username) for the student ID, and enter the number below the barcode on the back of your clicker for the remote ID.

Grades: Letter grades are not assigned until the end of the course. Grades are based on the total number of points accumulated by the end of the semester and are determined using the following scale:

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<td>A</td>
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<td>72-83.9</td>
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<td>58-71.9</td>
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Extra Credit Opportunities: During the semester a limited number of extra credit opportunities (ECOs) may be offered by each professor. Each will count for 1% on the final exam grade and no more than four ECOs can be completed by each student (i.e. each student can receive no more than 4% on their final exam grade from extra credit). A student can receive credit for a maximum of 2 ECOs offered by Dr. Peterjohn and credit for a maximum of 2 ECOs offered by Dr. McGraw. Details about these opportunities will be announced in class.

Academic Dishonesty: Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. As defined in section 3.1.1.3 of the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities of Students (1987 revision), academic dishonesty includes plagiarism, cheating and dishonest practices, and forgery, misrepresentation or fraud. The first occurrence of academic dishonesty will result in a zero being assigned to that component of the course (e.g., exam, quiz, etc.). A second occurrence of academic dishonesty will result in an F being assigned to the student for the entire course. A third instance will result in a student being assigned an unforgivable F for the entire course.

Special assistance: If you are learning, sensory or physically impaired and need assistance with the lectures, reading assignments, tests or labs, please contact one of us during regular office hours or by appointment and make appropriate arrangements with Disability Services (293-6700). The first week of the semester is the best time for these discussions. All matters will be confidential.

English as a second language: If English is your second language and you need assistance with the lectures, reading assignments or tests, please contact the instructor during office hours or by appointment. The first week of the semester is the best time for these discussions. All matters will be confidential.

Social justice: West Virginia University is committed to social justice. The instructors of this course concur with West Virginia University’s commitment to maintain a positive learning environment based upon communication, mutual respect, and non-discrimination. Our University does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, disability, veteran status, religion, sexual orientation, color or national origin. Suggestions as to how to further such an environment will be appreciated and given serious consideration.

Evacuation Plan for Room G15: In the event of an emergency, leave the classroom in an orderly manner. Those leaving from the back turn to the left after exiting the classroom. Those leaving from the middle of the classroom turn to the left or right after exiting. Those leaving from the front turn to the right after exiting the classroom. Leave the building through the nearest outside door. Once you’ve left the building, quickly move as far away as possible while avoiding parking lots. Do not congregate near the building or in parking lots.

Syllabus: This syllabus is issued for the convenience of the student and does not constitute a contract between the student and the instructors. The instructors reserve the right to change the syllabus at any time during the semester.