

# **INSTRUCTIONAL PACKAGE**

FOR 102 Multiple Use of Forestlands

Effective Term Fall 2023/Spring 2024/Summer 2024

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### **Departmental Mission Statement:**

### Forestry Management Technology Department & Program Mission Statement

The mission of the Department, the Programs and its faculty is to support the broader College's goals as detailed above, but also provide a comprehensive silviculturally based environmental education that recognizes the broad multiple uses demanded from the forest environments of South Carolina, the Southeastern United States and the nation.

- We want our graduates to recognize how their daily decisions will have a lasting impact on the social, cultural, economic, and environment fabric of our state, region and country.
- Their natural resource decision making process must be based on the highest professional and ethical standards for the long term protection and promotion of a high demand resource.
- We strive to prepare well trained forest, wildlife and natural resource technicians for both public and private sector employers and promote career opportunities for our graduates.

### **Part I: Course Information**

Effective Term: Fall 2023/Spring 2024/Summer 2024

COURSE PREFIX: FOR 102 COURSE TITLE: Multiple Use of Forestlands

CONTACT HOURS: 3.0 Lecture CREDIT HOURS: 3.0 Credits

### **RATIONALE FOR THE COURSE:**

This course is designed to introduce the student to the science of forestry, and to the various and complex demands that are placed on forest managers by different sectors of society.

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course studies how the forests serve the multiple purposes of recreation, wildlife, watershed and range, as well as producing timber crops. It examines the relationship between the public and private sectors in achieving these different demands placed on the forest community.

### PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:

Credit level <u>ENG 101</u> Minimum Grade of C or Credit level <u>ENG 155</u> Minimum Grade of C or Credit level <u>ENG 155</u> Minimum Grade of TC or Credit level <u>ENG 101</u> Minimum Grade of TC

\*Online/Hybrid courses require students to complete the <u>DLi Orientation Video</u> prior to enrolling in an online course.

#### **REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

Please visit the BOOKSTORE online site for most current textbook information.

Enter the semester, course prefix, number and section when prompted and you will be linked to the correct textbook.

### **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Access to Desire2Learn (D2L), HGTC's learning management system (LMS) used for course materials. Access to myHGTC portal for student self-services.

College email access – this is the college's primary official form of communication.

#### STUDENT IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION:

Students enrolled in online courses will be required to participate in a minimum of one (1) proctored assignment and/or one (1) virtual event to support student identification verification. Please refer to your Instructor Information Sheet for information regarding this requirement.

#### **CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE:**

As a matter of courtesy to other students and your professor, please turn off cell phones and other communication/entertainment devices before class begins. If you are monitoring for an emergency, please notify your professor prior to class and switch cell phone ringers to vibrate.

**NETIQUETTE**: is the term commonly used to refer to conventions adopted by Internet users on the web, mailing lists, public forums, and in live chat focused on online communications etiquette. For more information regarding Netiquette expectations for distance learning courses, please visit <a href="Online">Online</a> <a href="Netiquette">Netiquette</a>.

### **Part II: Student Learning Outcomes**

#### COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES and ASSESSMENTS\*:

#### Module #1

Materials Covered: Chapters 1, 2

\*Assessment(s): Classroom activities, Quiz. Unit Test

### **Learning Outcomes:**

- 1. Explain how forests are important to humans and our development pressures on them.
- 2. Define a forest community and the successional stages of forests.
- 3. Identify forest types and the regions they occur in.
- 4. Explain form/function/stress in trees.
- 5. Define soil properties and how elements of water and organic matter are utilized/stored.

#### Module #2

Materials Covered: Chapters 3,4

\*Assessment(s): Webinar, Classroom activities. Unit Test

### **Learning Outcomes:**

- 1. Identify different land ownership/stakeholders
- 2. Understand the challenges managing forestlands for stakeholder objectives including outdoor recreation and forest economics
- 3. Explain how abiotic factors influence forests including landscape, climate, wildland fire, and water considerations.
- 4. Define Wildlland Urban Interface
- 5. Identify the threat and prevention of invasive exotic species.
- 6. Describe how to inventory multiple resources on the land
- 7. Identify tools used to conduct resource inventories and monitor sites

### Module #3

Materials Covered: Chapters 5,6

\* Assessments: Group activity, Quiz, Unit Test

### **Learning Outcomes:**

- 1. Explain ecosystem management and the national policies that drive management
- 2. Describe how silvicultural systems and how they are used to create disturbances in the forest.
- 3. List different forest reproduction methods.
- 4. Explain forest regulation
- 5. Define adaptive management.
- 6. List different biological factors that influence forest wildlife management
- 7. Identify environmental factors affecting an animal's ability to survive and reproduce in a forest
- 8. Know general conservation practices for timber management, range management, recreation management, and watershed management
- 9. Summarize different wildlife management strategies and the concept of multispecies management

### Module #4

Materials Covered: Chapters 7, 8

\*Assessment(s): Worksheets, Quiz. Unit Test

### **Learning Outcomes**

- 1. List the challenges the forest planning process
- 2. Explain the forest planning process and the planning hierarchy
- 3. Identify what information is needed to develop a forest management plan
- 4. Summarize "lessons learned" about forest planning in the public and private sector

5. Explain the purpose of different natural resource agencies, colleges/universities, foundations, societies, and state agencies

### Module #5

Materials Covered: Ethics, Professionals in Natural Resources, Interviewing skills

\*Assessment(s): Discussion Board, Quiz. Unit Test

### **Learning Outcomes:**

- 1. Explain the scope of ethics and why it is important for both individuals and organizations.
- 2. List and describe the wide variety of jobs available to forestry and natural resource management professionals.
- 3. Describe the types of skills needed to successfully obtain a particular position in natural resource management.
- 4. Demonstrate ability to write a resume and interview for a position

## **Part III: Grading and Assessment**

### **EVALUATION OF REQUIRED COURSE MEASURES/ARTIFACTS\*:**

Students' performance will be assessed and the weight associated with the various measures/artifacts are listed below.

#### **EVALUATION\***

Tests	60%
Assignments	10%
Quizzes	20%
Final Exam	10%
	100%

<sup>\*</sup>Students, for the specific number and type of evaluations, please refer to the Instructor's Course Information Sheet.

### **GRADING SYSTEM:**

Please note the College adheres to a 10 point grading scale A = 100 - 90, B = 89 - 80, C = 79 - 70, D = 69 - 60, F = 59 and below. You must have your Dean's approval if changes in the scale are made.

Grades earned in courses impact academic progression and financial aid status. Before withdrawing

<sup>\*</sup>Students - please refer to the Instructor's Course Information sheet for specific information on assessments and due dates.

from a course, be sure to talk with your instructor and financial aid counselor about the implications of that course of action. Ds, Fs, Ws, WFs and Is also negatively impact academic progression and financial aid status.

The Add/Drop Period is the first 5 days of the semester for **full term** classes. Add/Drop periods are shorter for accelerated format courses. Please refer to the <u>academic calendar</u> for deadlines for add/drop. You must attend at least one meeting of all of your classes during that period. If you do not, you will be dropped from the course(s) and your Financial Aid will be reduced accordingly.

### Part IV: Attendance

Horry-Georgetown Technical College maintains a general attendance policy requiring students to be present for a minimum of 80 percent (80%) of their classes in order to receive credit for any course. Due to the varied nature of courses taught at the college, some faculty may require up to 90 percent (90%) attendance. Pursuant to 34 Code of Federal Regulations 228.22 - Return to Title IV Funds, once a student has missed over 20% of the course or has missed two (2) consecutive weeks, the faculty is obligated to withdraw the student and a student may not be permitted to reenroll. **Instructors define absentee limits for their class at the beginning of each term; please refer to the Instructor Course Information Sheet.** 

**For online and hybrid courses**, check your Instructor's Course Information Sheet for any required on-site meeting times. Please note, instructors may require tests to be taken at approved testing sites, and if you use a testing center other than those provided by HGTC, the center may charge a fee for its services.

### **Part V: Student Resources**



### THE STUDENT SUCCESS AND TUTORING CENTER (SSTC):

The SSTC offers to all students the following **free** resources:

- Academic tutors for most subject areas, Writing Center support, and college success skills.
- 2. Online **tutoring** and academic support resources.
- 3. Professional and interpersonal communication **coaching** in the EPIC Labs.

Visit the <u>Student Success & Tutoring Center</u> website for more information. To schedule tutoring, contact the SSTC at sstc@hgtc.edu or self-schedule in the Penji iOS/Android app or at <u>www.penjiapp.com</u>. Email <u>sstc@hgtc.edu</u> or call SSTC Conway, 349-7872; SSTC Grand Strand, 477-2113; and SSTC Georgetown, 520-1455, or go to the <u>Online Resource Center</u> to access on-demand resources.



### **STUDENT INFORMATION CENTER: TECH Central**

TECH Central offers to all students the following free resources:

- 1. **Getting around HGTC**: General information and guidance for enrollment, financial aid, registration, and payment plan support!
- 2. Use the Online Resource Center (ORC) including Office 365 support, password resets, and username information.
- 3. **In-person workshops, online tutorials and more services** are available in Desire2Learn, Student Portal, Degree Works, and Office 365.
- 4. **Chat with our staff on TECH Talk**, our live chat service. TECH Talk can be accessed on the student portal and on TECH Central's website, or by texting questions to (843) 375-8552.

Visit the <u>Tech Central</u> website for more information. Live Chat and Center locations are posted on the website. Or please call (843) 349 – TECH (8324), Option #1.



### **HGTC LIBRARY:**

Each campus location has a library where HGTC students, faculty, and staff may check out materials with their HGTC ID. All three HGTC campus libraries are equipped with computers to support academic research and related school work; printing is available as well. Visit the <u>Library</u> website for more information or call (843) 349-5268.

#### **STUDENT TESTING:**

Testing in an **online/hybrid** course and in **make-up exam** situations may be accomplished in a variety of ways:

- Test administered within D2L
- Test administered in writing on paper
- Test administered through Publisher Platforms (which may have a fee associated with the usage) Furthermore, tests may have time limits and/or require a proctor.

Proctoring can be accomplished either face-to-face at an approved site or online through our online proctoring service. To find out more about proctoring services, please visit the <u>Online Testing</u> section of the HGTC's Testing Center webpage.

The **Instructor Information Sheet** will have more details on test requirements for your course.

#### **DISABILITY SERVICES:**

HGTC is committed to providing an accessible environment for students with disabilities. Inquiries may be directed to HGTC's <u>Accessibility and Disability Service webpage</u>. The Accessibility and Disability staff will review documentation of the student's disability and, in a confidential setting with the student, develop an educational accommodation plan.

Note: It is the student's responsibility to self-identify as needing accommodations and to provide acceptable documentation. After a student has self-identified and submitted documentation of a disability, accommodations may be determined, accepted, and provided.

### STATEMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT:

Horry-Georgetown Technical College prohibits discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment and abuse, on the basis of race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, marital or family status, veteran status, political ideas, sexual orientation, gender identity, or pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, including, but not limited to, lactation in educational programs and/or activities.

#### TITLE IX REQUIREMENTS:

All students (as well as other persons) at Horry-Georgetown Technical College are protected by Title IX—regardless of their sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, part- or full-time status, disability, race, or national origin—in all aspects of educational programs and activities. Any student, or other member of the college community, who believes that he/she is or has been a victim of sexual harassment or sexual violence may file a report with the college's Chief Student Services Officer, campus law enforcement, or with the college's Title IX Coordinator or designee.

\*Faculty and Staff are required to report incidents to the Title IX Coordinators when involving students. The only HGTC employees exempt from mandatory reporting are licensed mental health professionals (only as part of their job description such as counseling services).

#### INQUIRIES REGARDING THE NON-DISCRIMINATION/TITLE IX POLICIES:

**Student and prospective student** inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, Title VII, and Title IX and their application to the College or any student decision may be directed to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

### Dr. Melissa Batten, VP Student Affairs

Title IX, Section 504, and Title II Coordinator Building 1100, Room 107A, Conway Campus PO Box 261966, Conway, SC 29528-6066 843-349-5228 Melissa.Batten@hgtc.edu

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**Employee and applicant** inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their application to the College may be directed to the Vice President for Human Resources.

**Jacquelyne Snyder, VP Human Resources**Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Officer and Title IX Coordinator Building 200, Room 205B, Conway Campus PO Box 261966, Conway, SC 29528-6066 843-349-5212 <u>Jacquelyne.Snyder@hgtc.edu</u>