

**NRES 250 LAB**  
**INTRODUCTION TO FISHERIES, FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES**  
**FALL SEMESTER 2023 SYLLABUS**

**Contact Info**

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Lab: Lab Section 5 - Wednesday 12:00 - 1:50 PM

**Logistics:** NRES 250 lab will be a combination of indoor and outdoor in-person meetings and asynchronous instruction. You will be expected to watch video recordings prior to attending most in-person labs. You will be conducting all activities as part of an assigned crew. However, work submitted for assignments, quizzes, and exams should be your own. It will be up to your crew to obtain the gear needed for each activity from the stockroom before each class meeting. Be sure to have your student ID to pick up your crew's gear. Please see the table and figures below for descriptions of the meeting location for each lab and when equipment will be needed.

**Canvas:** Course materials, videos, and assignments will be posted on Canvas. I will communicate information related to the lab using Canvas announcements.

**Grading:** The laboratory portion of this course is 40% of your grade. The laboratory component consists of two lab exams, one scientific report, two assignments, and lab quizzes and short assignments. Your final grade for the course will be assigned based on the final percentage of total points you earned. Categories are as follows:

A	92.6-100%	B+	86.6-89.5%	C+	76.6-79.5%	D+	66.6-69.5%
A-	89.6-92.5%	B	82.6-86.5%	C	72.6-76.5%	D	59.6-66.5%
		B-	79.6-82.5%	C-	69.6-72.5%	F	0-59.5%

**Attendance and Late Work Policy:** I will expect to see you in class every week. On Canvas, you will find the material for each lab, but please e-mail me if you are ill or need to quarantine. Do not attend in-person lab if you are feeling ill. You are expected to submit your assignments and quizzes by the due date posted on Canvas. If you are having a hard time submitting assignments on time, please contact me ASAP, extensions for late assignments will be handled on a case by case basis..

**Academic Dishonesty:** Trust between students and the instructor is of paramount importance in academic settings. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated in the classroom (e.g., cheating on exams) or in research efforts (e.g., plagiarism). Since writing, analytical, and critical thinking skills are part of the learning objectives of this course, all writing assignments should be prepared by the students. Developing strong competencies in this area will prepare you for a competitive workplace. Therefore, AI generated submissions (using ChatGPT or other similar AI programs) are not permitted and will be treated as plagiarism. If instances of alleged academic dishonesty are identified, appropriate actions will be taken in accordance with the institution's policies (UWSP

Chapter 14). Academic dishonesty will be punished to the fullest extent that University policy permits.

**Getting Help:** Please do not be shy about asking for help. You are welcome to email me to schedule a time to meet with me in person or via Zoom. If you are having any trouble understanding something in class, do not hesitate to get in touch, as those problems will likely only get worse as the material becomes more complex and builds on itself. You can find important dates, including drop/add dates, in the semester academic calendar linked here <https://www3.uwsp.edu/regrec/Pages/calendars.aspx>. Additionally, the CNR Student Success Center (TNR 122) has professional advisers and peer mentors as an additional resource for students <https://www3.uwsp.edu/cnr/ssc/>.

**Students with Disabilities:** UW-Stevens Point will modify academic program requirements as necessary to ensure that they do not discriminate against qualified applicants or students with disabilities. The modifications should not affect the substance of educational programs or compromise academic standards; nor should they intrude upon academic freedom. Examinations or other procedures used for evaluating students' academic achievements may be adapted. The results of such evaluation must demonstrate the student's achievement in the academic activity, rather than describe his/her disability.

If modifications are required due to a disability, please inform the instructor and contact the Disability and Assistive Technology Center to complete an Accommodations Request form. Phone: 346-3365 or Room 609 Albertson Hall.

**Inclusivity Statement:** It is my intent that students from all diverse backgrounds and perspectives be well-served by this course, that students' learning needs are addressed both in and out of class, and that the diversity all students bring to this class is viewed as a resource, strength, and benefit. It is my intent to present materials and activities that are respectful of diversity: gender identity, sexuality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, nationality, religion, and culture. Your suggestions are encouraged and appreciated. Please let me know ways to improve the effectiveness of the course for you personally, or for other students or student groups.

If you have experienced a bias incident (an act of conduct, speech, or expression to which a bias motive is evident as a contributing factor regardless of whether the act is criminal) at UWSP, you have the right to report it (<https://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Pages/Bias-Hate-Incident.aspx>). You may also contact the Dean of Students office directly at [dos@uwsp.edu](mailto:dos@uwsp.edu).

**Recorded Labs:** All materials and recordings for NRES 250 are protected intellectual property at UW-Stevens Point. Students in this course may use the materials and recordings for their personal use related to participation in this class. Students may also take notes solely for their personal use. If a lecture/lab is not already recorded, you are not authorized to record the event without our permission unless you are considered by the university to be a qualified student with a disability requiring accommodation. [Regent Policy Document 4-1] Students may not copy or share lecture materials and recordings outside of class, including posting on internet sites or selling to commercial entities. Students are also prohibited from providing or selling their personal notes to anyone else or being paid for taking notes by any person or commercial

firm without the instructor’s express written permission. Unauthorized use of these copyrighted lecture materials and recordings constitutes copyright infringement and may be addressed under the university's policies, UWS Chapters 14 and 17, governing student academic and non-academic misconduct.

**COVID-19 Guidance and Other Precautions:**

We will follow university guidance (which includes CDC guidance) regarding COVID-19, monkeypox, and other health-related issues. Please reference the [UWSP’s website related to COVID](#). The [CDC website](#) provides guidance on isolation and precautions related to COVID. As needed, we will announce policy changes that affect you in this class. It is expected that everyone will respect the needs and preferences of classmates and instructors.

**Other Guidance:**

- If you are not feeling well or test positive for COVID-19, **do not come to class**; email your instructor and contact Student Health Service (715-346-4646).
- As with any type of absence, students are expected to communicate their need to be absent and complete the course requirements as outlined in the syllabus.
- Maintain a minimum of 6 feet of physical distance from others whenever possible.
- Wash your hands or use appropriate hand sanitizer regularly and avoid touching your face.
- Please maintain these same healthy practices outside the classroom.

**Lab Schedule and Meeting Location**

Date (Wed. / Fri.)	Topic	Meeting location	Equipment needed
Sept. 13	Lab 1 - Tree ID	TNR Room 157	NO
Sept. 20	Lab 2 - Compass and Pacing	Outside Old Main; Fig. 1 (B)	NO
Sept. 27	Lab 3 - GPS vs Compass and Pacing	Schmeeckle pavilion; Fig. 2 (18)	YES
Oct. 4	Lab 4 - Timber Measurements	Outside TNR; Fig. 1 (C)	YES
Oct. 11	Lab 5 - Timber Cruising	Schmeeckle pavilion; Fig.2 (18)	YES
Oct. 18	<b>Midterm exam</b>	TNR Room 157	NO
Oct. 25	Lab 6 - Snag and Woody Debris	Schmeeckle pavilion; Fig. 3 (18)	YES
Nov. 1	Lab 7 - Mark Recapture	TNR Room 157	NO
Nov. 8	Lab 8 - Scientific Method	TNR Room 157	NO
Nov. 15	Lab 9 - Scientific Writing	TNR Room 157	NO
<b>Nov. 22</b>	<b>No Class - Thanksgiving</b>		

Nov.	Lab 10 - Map Reading	TNR Room 157	NO
Dec. 6	<b>Final exam</b>	TNR Room 157	NO

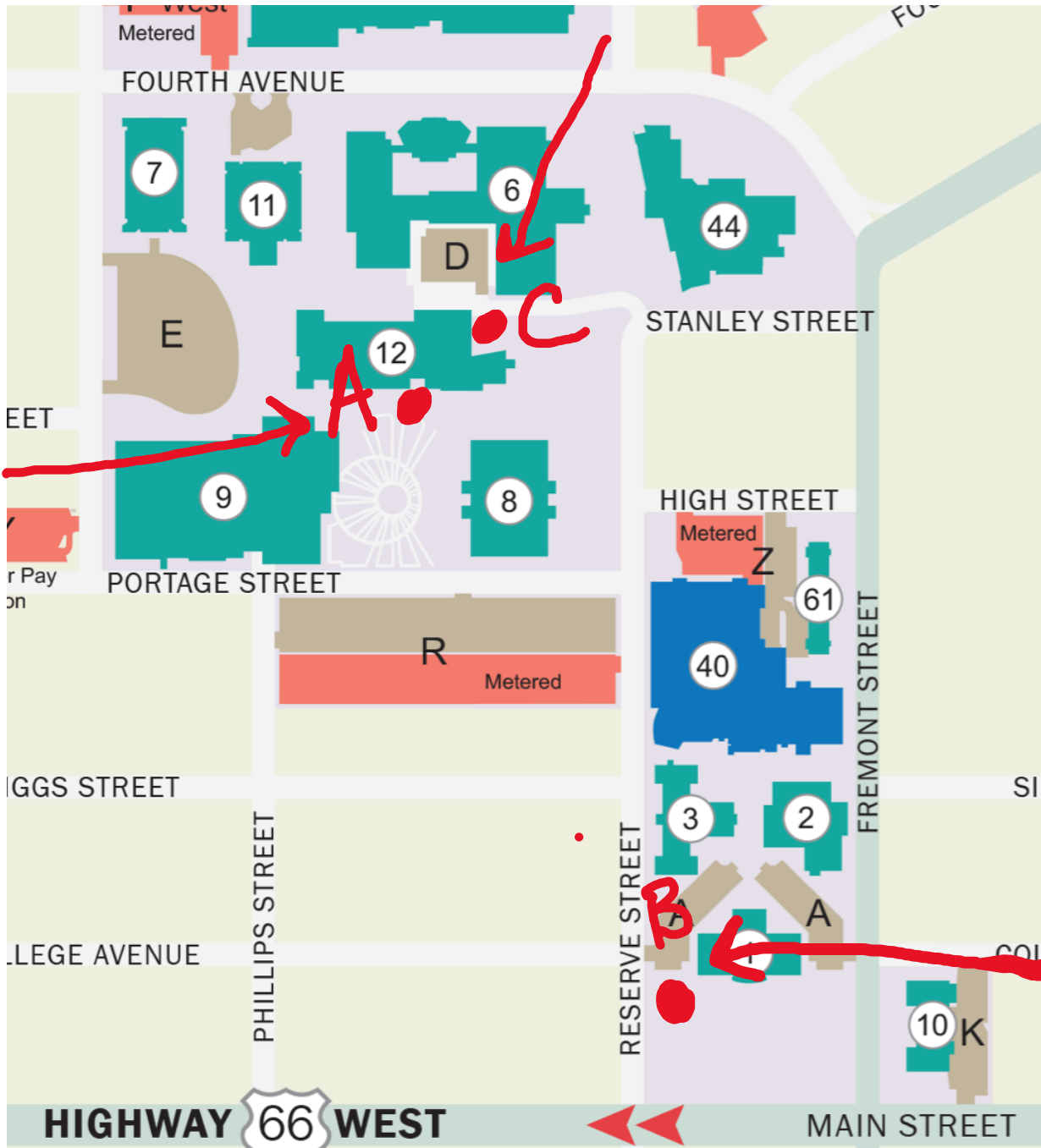


Figure 1. Campus map showing the TNR building (12) and Old Main (1) and meeting sites labeled A, B, and C.



Figure 2. Map of Schmeckle showing the meeting location at Schmeckle pavilion, labeled number 18.