



Syllabus for FNR 10 Timber Harvesting

Course Information

Semester & Year: Fall 2020

Course ID & Section #: FNR-10-E0230 (050230) Timber Harvesting

Instructor's name: Valerie Elder

Lecture: Asynchronous Online Lecture (see assignments for deadlines).

Lab meets in person on Fridays 08:30AM - 03:20PM (unless otherwise instructed) Note: full days of lab that simulate a working situation, pack a lunch and prepare for changing weather conditions.

Location: Check Canvas Announcements/ email communications for weekly lab directions labs may vary due to weather/COVID.

For some labs we will meet in Applied Technology AT, Room 127 to pick-up tablets.

Otherwise wait (socially distanced) AT 107A Equipment Room

Labs will be held outdoors at school forest or occasionally remotely via Zoom

Course units: 4

Instructor Contact Information

Email address: Valerie-elder@redwoods.edu

Zoom Office Hours: Zoom-in on Wednesday's 5PM- 6PM or by appointment.

Meeting ID: 971 3122 6312

Password: 301120

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/97131226312?pwd=WnpBMVRleGJZbmd1cTQ0c3c2VUI3UT09>

Password: 301120

Catalog Description

A lecture, discussion, and field laboratory course exploring the practical application of timber harvesting techniques and forest operations in the framework of the California Forest Practices Act. Students will learn basic forest operations including elements of road layout and design, harvesting design and limitations, and operational equipment use and limitations. The field exercises will focus on application of these principles on the ground and will include field trips to active timber harvesting operations.

Note:

- Lab has a significant field component in rough terrain and adverse weather with off-campus travel required.
- You will need to dress for Humboldt County weather, knowing we will be spending most of our time outdoors. You must wear protective footwear, hiking or work boots and your hard hat.
- You will be required to wear a mask (not a bandana or neck gator) that covers your nose and mouth.
- You will sometimes work in groups of two and we will encourage you to keep 6 ft apart as much as possible. We will be sanitizing equipment between uses.
- Please reach out to me with any concerns.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

- Discuss general types of forest operations and specific applications to timber harvesting including forest road development and use.
- Analyze case studies of forest operations, including harvesting operations and forest road design, in the context of practical, legal, and ethical requirements.
- Demonstrate practical application of terms and concepts in examples of harvesting operations.

Learning Objectives

- Students should be able to recognize and discuss the use of mechanized equipment as affected by the physical layout of timber harvests.
- Students should be able to make appropriate decisions about when and where to conduct appropriate forest operations to meet management objectives.
- Students should be able to write assessments about potential impacts resulting from timber harvesting, road construction and use, or other forest operations.
- Students should be able to discuss rationale behind choosing specific operations for case studies.
- Students should be able to designate stand boundaries, WPZ's, and significant wildlife features that limit forest operations.
- Students should be able to collect, record, and analyze data on various operational impacts.
- Students should be able to locate and design forest road and landing locations.
- Students should be able to discuss general categories of forest operations and identify limitations in field applications.

Prerequisites

FNR1 - Introduction to Forestry and Natural Resources

FNR5 - Forest Ecology and Management

FNR51 - Dendrology: the Identification and Study Of Woody Plants

FNR52 - Introduction to Surveying

FNR54 - Introduction to Natural Resource Inventory Techniques

Accessibility

Students will have access to online course materials that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and College of the Redwoods policies. Students who discover access issues with this class should contact the instructor.

College of the Redwoods is also committed to making reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. If you have a disability or believe you might benefit from disability-related services and accommodations, please contact your instructor or [Disability Services and Programs for Students](#) (DSPS).

Students may make requests for alternative media by contacting DSPS based on their campus location:

- Eureka: 707-476-4280, student services building, 1st floor
- Del Norte: 707-465-2324, main building near library
- Klamath-Trinity: 530-625-4821 Ext 103

During COVID19, approved accommodations for distance education classes will be emailed to the instructor by DSPS. In the case of face to face instruction, please present your written accommodation request to your instructor at least one week before the first test so that necessary arrangements can be made. Last-minute arrangements or post-test adjustments cannot usually be accommodated.

Support for online learners during COVID-19

In response to COVID-19, College of the Redwoods moved the majority of its courses online to protect health and safety. As the faculty and students adjust to this change, clear communication about student needs will help everyone be successful. Please let me know about any specific challenges or technology limitations that might affect your participation in class. I want every student to thrive.

Evaluation & Grading Policy

Grades	Count	Points	Percentage	
Weekly Discussions/ Assignments	14	5	70	9%
Weekly Quiz	14	5	70	9%
Weekly Labs	13	25	325	40%
Midterm Exam Essay			70	9%
Final Project			200	25%
Final Exam Essay			70	9%
		Total	805	

A: 94-100, A-: 90-<94, B+: 87-<90, B: 84-<87, B-: 80-<84, C+: 77-<80, C: 70-<77, D: 60-<70, F: <60

Late Assignments: Assignments turned in after the deadline will be deducted 10%*, each additional week the assignment is late an additional 10% will be deducted. Late work will not be accepted after December 11th. Please stay in communication with me regarding late work.

*Due to some unpredictable variables related to COVID-19, please discuss late or missing work with me.

An extra lab will be built into our schedule to allow for a make-up field lab. Discuss additional extended absences with me.

Admissions deadlines & enrollment policies

Fall 2020 Dates

- *Classes begin: 8/22/20*
- *Last day to add a class: 8/28/20*
- *Last day to drop without a W and receive a refund: 9/4/20*
- *Labor Day (all-college holiday): 9/7/20*
- *Census date: 9/8/20 or 20% into class duration*
- *Last day to petition to file P/NP option: 9/18/20*
- *Last day to petition to graduate or apply for certificate: 10/29/20*
- *Last day for student-initiated W (no refund): 10/30/20*
- *Last day for faculty initiated W (no refund): 10/30/20*
- *Veteran's Day (all-college holiday): 11/11/20*
- *Fall break (no classes): 11/23/20-11/28/20*
- *Thanksgiving (all-college holiday): 11/25/20-11/27/20*
- *Final examinations: 12/12/20-12/18/20*
- *Semester ends: 12/18/20*
- *Grades available for transcript release: approximately 1/8/21*

Students who have experienced extenuating circumstances can complete & submit the ***Excused Withdrawal Petition*** to request an Excused Withdrawal (EW) grade instead of the current Withdrawal (W) or non-passing (D, F & NP) grades. The EW Petition is available from the Admissions and Records Forms Webpage. Supporting documentation is required.

Academic dishonesty

In the academic community, the high value placed on truth implies a corresponding intolerance of scholastic dishonesty. In cases involving academic dishonesty, determination of the grade and of the student's status in the course is left primarily to the discretion of the faculty member. In such cases, where the instructor determines that a student has demonstrated academic dishonesty, the student may receive a failing grade for the assignment and/or exam and may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. The Student Code of Conduct ([AP 5500](#)) is available on the College of the Redwoods website. Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and administrative procedures is located in the [College Catalog](#) and on the [College of the Redwoods website](#).

Disruptive behavior

Student behavior or speech that disrupts the instructional setting will not be tolerated. Disruptive conduct may include, but is not limited to: unwarranted interruptions; failure to adhere to instructor's directions; vulgar or obscene language; slurs or other forms of intimidation; and physically or verbally abusive behavior. In such cases where the instructor determines that a student has disrupted the educational process, a disruptive student may be temporarily removed from class. In addition, the student may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. The Student Code of Conduct ([AP 5500](#)) is available on the College of the Redwoods website. Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and administrative procedures is located in the [College Catalog](#) and on the [College of the Redwoods website](#).

Inclusive Language in the Classroom

College of the Redwoods aspires to create a learning environment in which all people feel comfortable in contributing their perspectives to classroom discussions. It therefore encourages instructors and students to use language that is inclusive and respectful. Please let me know if I make a mistake!

Setting Your Preferred Name in Canvas

Students have the ability to have an alternate first name and pronouns to appear in Canvas. Contact [Admissions & Records](#) to request a change to your preferred first name and pronoun. Your Preferred Name will only be listed in Canvas. It does not change your legal name in our records. See the [Student Information Update form](#).

Canvas Information

If using Canvas, include navigation instructions, tech support information, what Canvas is used for, and your expectation for how regularly students should check Canvas for your class.

Log into Canvas at <https://redwoods.instructure.com>

Password is your 8 digit birth date

For tech help, email its@redwoods.edu or call 707-476-4160

Canvas Help for students: <https://www.redwoods.edu/online/Help-Student>

Canvas online orientation workshop: <https://www.redwoods.edu/online/Home/Student-Resources/Canvas-Resources>

Community College Student Health and Wellness

Resources, tools, and trainings regarding health, mental health, wellness, basic needs and more designed for California community college students, faculty and staff are available on the California Community Colleges [Health & Wellness website](#).

[Wellness Central](#) is a free online health and wellness resource that is available 24/7 in your space at your pace.

Students seeking to request a counseling appointment for academic advising or general counseling can email counseling@redwoods.edu.

Emergency procedures / Everbridge

College of the Redwoods has implemented an emergency alert system called Everbridge. In the event of an emergency on campus you will receive an alert through your personal email and/or phones. Registration is not necessary in order to receive emergency alerts. Check to make sure your contact information is up-to-date by logging into WebAdvisor <https://webadvisor.redwoods.edu> and selecting 'Students' then 'Academic Profile' then 'Current Information Update.'

Please contact Public Safety at 707-476-4112 or security@redwoods.edu if you have any questions. For more information see the [Redwoods Public Safety Page](#).

In an emergency that requires an evacuation of the building anywhere in the District:

- Be aware of all marked exits from your area and building
- Once outside, move to the nearest evacuation point outside your building
- Keep streets and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and personnel

Do not leave campus, unless it has been deemed safe by the campus authorities.

Eureka Campus Emergency Procedures

Please review the [campus emergency map](#) for evacuation sites, including the closest site to this classroom (posted by the exit of each room). For more information on Public Safety go to the [Redwoods Public Safety Page](#). It is the responsibility of College of the Redwoods to protect life and property from the effects of emergency situations within its own jurisdiction.

In the event of an emergency:

1. Evaluate the impact the emergency has on your activity/operation and take appropriate action.
2. Dial 911, to notify local agency support such as law enforcement or fire services.
3. Notify Public Safety 707-476-4111 and inform them of the situation, with as much relevant information as possible.
4. Public Safety shall relay threat information, warnings, and alerts through the Everbridge emergency alert system, Public address system, and when possible, updates on the college website, to ensure the school community is notified.
5. Follow established procedures for the specific emergency as outlined in the College of the Redwoods Emergency Procedure Booklet, (evacuation to a safe zone, shelter in place, lockdown, assist others if possible, cooperate with First Responders, etc.).
6. If safe to do so, notify key administrators, departments, and personnel.
7. Do not leave campus, unless it is necessary to preserve life and/or has been deemed safe by the person in command.

Student Support Services

The following online resources are available to support your success as a student:

- [CR-Online](#) (Comprehensive information for online students)
- [Library Articles & Databases](#)
- [Canvas help and tutorials](#)

- [Online Student Handbook](#)

[Counseling](#) offers assistance to students in need of professional counseling services such as crisis counseling.

Learning Resource Center includes the following resources for students

- [Academic Support Center](#) for instructional support, tutoring, learning resources, and proctored exams. Includes the Math Lab & Drop-in Writing Center
- [Library Services](#) to promote information literacy and provide organized information resources.
- [Multicultural & Diversity Center](#)

Special programs are also available for eligible students include

- [Extended Opportunity Programs & Services \(EOPS\)](#) provides financial assistance, support and encouragement for eligible income disadvantaged students at all CR locations.
- The TRiO Student Success Program provides eligible students with a variety of services including trips to 4-year universities, career assessments, and peer mentoring. Students can apply for the program in [Eureka](#) or in [Del Norte](#)
- The [Veteran's Resource Center](#) supports and facilitates academic success for Active Duty Military, Veterans and Dependents attending CR through relational advising, mentorship, transitional assistance, and coordination of military and Veteran-specific resources.
- Klamath-Trinity students can contact the CR KT Office for specific information about student support services at 530-625-4821